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LOST

WESTERN Australian Soccer bosses rejected a \$5 million offer from the state government which would have turned the game there into a model for the rest of the country, retiring WA coaching development officer Rond Tindall said.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

"In fact they really turned down \$10 million because the plan was that private enterprise would match the government's offer," he said.

Tindall, who is leaving his current job to work on special projects for the state's Department of Sport and Recreation, is angry and frustrated at the missed opportunity.

"The plan was for a professional league of eight non-ethnic based clubs," he said. "They would all play at one venue which was to be a purpose-built stadium with lights and an artificial surface."

"Licences for the eight

clubs would be sold — existing clubs could tender for them if they wished.

For instance, Perth Azzurri could buy a licence. They would not be able to use that ethnic name in the professional league, but could continue with it in the lower, amateur competitions.

"The government promised \$5 million towards the building of the stadium and the setting up of the competition — and we could have got another \$5 million from the private sector."

Own Empires

"Representatives of the clubs have varying reasons for voting

against the project but it was quite apparent they did not want to surrender their own little empires.

"They wanted the money — but they did not want to abide by the conditions."

"If it had gone ahead it would have been the first step in the entry of a Perth-based team into the NSL, which would have in turn, let to the return of many Western Australians currently playing for Sydney and Melbourne clubs."

While he did not say as much, this reverse was obviously a major factor in Tindall's decision to quit full-time Soccer "after 10 years working hard to cover a large state with very little resources".

He will not be completely lost. In his new job he will develop a plan for the importation of 10 leading coaches in varying sports during the

bicentennial year, one of whom could be for Soccer.

But that is peanuts compared with the plan for the code's development which has been now

been shelved — probably for good.



SOUTH MELBOURNE midfielder Danny Crainie played magnificently against Sydney Croatia before an 8200 crowd at the Croatian Sports Centre on Sunday.



Flop to cost
Oz soccer
king \$66,000

LONDON: Soccer star Craig Johnston's venture into the unpredictable world of pop music looks set to be a \$66,000 disaster.

Johnston sank his own money into producing, recording and filming a rousing tribute to his Liverpool team hoping to make a killing in the charts.

But unfortunately for Johnston, the cream of Britain's pop world chose that week to release their single, Let It Be, in aid of the families of victims of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster earlier this year.

Maradona rocks Napoli with ultimatum . . . full report Wide World of Football . . . Page 22.



BRYAN ROBSON exposes the weaknesses of the current Manchester United in an exclusive special on Page 23.



The Secretary,
Marconi Soccer Club,
Sydney.

THE RIGHT WAY

It has well been said that the person who has not made a mistake hasn't made anything.

But when it comes to the point, the successful person in business or sport is the one who minimises the losses and maximises the gains.

It is the knack of planning and doing things right and profitably that ultimately counts.

So it is possible to say that, in many ways, the National Soccer League has put things right this year and that the standard of football has improved.

Not that there isn't a long way to go.

For example, it would be hard to argue that even the more understandable system of promotion and relegation will do the job properly and bring Soccer into the public limelight.

A code such as Soccer that ineffect disposes of Brisbane, Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra needs to do more to get its act right.

There are low drawing clubs with big problems inside the NSL, and their fellow clubs and people inside the game know it full well.

In the long run the clubs of the above mentioned cities must be encouraged to fully get their acts together and win permanent membership.

One only has to look at how the very successful codes put their acts together to get an idea of how the general public must be treated.

The point should not be laboured at this stage however, because Soccer's present purposes must concentrate on doing the best possible with the competition as it stands.

Two main factors — apart from a few weak clubs — are causing trouble.

The first is surely the absence of Sydney City.

It is easy speculate that some clubs would have drawn upto 10,000 spectators and \$30,000 — \$40,000 for home games against the now defunct club.

Sydney City had negligible home crowds, but the competitive nature of the club and its proud record brought out the fans.

This, frankly, is a disaster of the first magnitude.

And, it has well been said, televising the match of the day at 4.30pm on Sundays must have an effect.

It would need some research in depth to establish the extent to which that broadcast effects the supporters of the teams other than those playing.

Even then conditions and outlooks vary. One club crowd could be affected by the 4.30pm television the team is playing a weak opponent. The same club's crowd on another occasion might not be affected because the pull of the fixture overcomes the tendency to stay home and watch proceedings on the 'box'.

It's a point that the upper echelon of the NSL should study — and not take anything for granted.

Any sports organisation that gives away its life blood will not go that far.

We have written before on the subject of the danger of the NSL standing down for three weeks at the height of the season to allow the national team to play in a cup competition in Seoul.

Frankly we are afraid that our judgment that this gap is against the interest of the game will be clearly vindicated.

The decision was plain daft and it remains that way.

If one cuts one's own throat the chance of mending the wound is hopeless.

It is far better, if a competition has to be weakened by loss of players, to play games than not to play them.

If Sydney Croatia has half a team away, there would be a case for deferment.

But any other situation involving loss of two to four players should be taken its stride.

How ridiculous Soccer must look to rugby league people — more so to Australian rules followers, who have no international commitments.

It would be easy to say that the NSL could have pressed the self-destruct button.

That may not be so. But the only hard evidence to the contrary would come if the organisation changes its ways.

Better half a cake than no cake at all.

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'Dear Sir,

Last Saturday I was on a flight from Sydney to Adelaide in which your team were passengers.

I would just like to say that I was really impressed with the behavior of the team both while we were waiting in Sydney and also on the flight, also the neat uniform everyone was wearing.

So many times sport teams are untidy, noisy etc. that it was a pleasure to be flying on same plane as your team and at least felt that I should write in appreciation.'

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs) P. Fraser

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HERD ABOUT WILLIE'S FITNESS WORRIES?

By Frank Coletta

WILLIE HERD's arrival in the National League has been severely marred by the news that he will have to undergo a cartilage operation.

Early last week it seemed that the Melbourne Croatia import would be fit and ready to play on the weekend as he was cleared of serious damage to the already injured groin that he wrenched last Monday for Melbourne Croatia in the disappointing loss to champions Adelaide City.

But then came the news that he was having trouble with his knee and had been advised to undergo an operation to attempt to cure the ills.

The Melbourne club has certainly not had too much luck with their two Scottish acquisitions as yesterday came the news that former Scotland international Ian Wallace is also being hampered by injuries. However as game as they come he continues to turn out for his new club despite being handicapped by some persistent problems.

Herd who was signed by the free-spending club from Scotland's Partick Thistle carried the original injury to the groin into the game and a recurrence of it forced him to leave the field in the second half.

The 27-year-old midfielder showed glimpses of his obvious class in his first game for Croatia but was always up against it in his debut against the black and whites from Adelaide.

Herd's play is based on pace and aggressiveness. He is 5'8" and 11 and a half stone and three seasons ago was the subject of a \$200,000 bid by English club Stoke City.

WELCOME LES AND WALTER

JOINING the ranks ASW this week is Melbourne's man of many parts, LES SHORROCK.

Together with writers such as Greg Blake, John Mangan, Con Nikolopoulos and Phil Diamataris, Les will provide an insight into the doings on the Victorian scene.

The Shorrock camera is known Australia-wide for its candid and action snaps. He will be providing a service of top photographs of State and National League.

Also a welcome to Walter Pless, previously known to our readers under the pen-name of 'Van Diemen'.

Together with Launceston's John Tscheppera, they will cover the Apple Isle.

It will not be long before we expect to have wide distribution in that state.

WILLIE HERD



IT is not often enough that our National game of Soccer — moreover our National League clubs — are praised and commended.

So it was nice for us at Australian Soccer Weekly to receive this letter from Marconi secretary Keith Charles from Mrs Fraser, expressing her delight at the behaviour and attire of the Fairfield club members on the plane going to a recent game against Adelaide City in the state of South Australia.

We are delighted to reproduce a letter about something that should happen more often.

— FRANK COLETTA

HOLMES IS IN

IAN HOLMES' appointment as NSW Soccer Federation executive director is yet another win in administration for the huge amateur Soccer movement in NSW.

His predecessor Aulden Brown early in his career was a leading official of Northern Suburbs SFA, now part of Ku-ring-gai SFA, early in his career.

Former ASF honorary vice-president Peter McCann, ASF executive director Brian Emery and National Junior Council secretary Rod Woods also came up through the same ranks.

Ian Holmes began in the big Canterbury and District SFA, where he became secretary, and then finally president at the age of 27.

Recently he has been both NSW Amateur president and a director of the NSW Soccer Federation Ltd.

Due to his ability to work on the basics and formulate viable policies and utilise the services of many competent people, he has helped to consolidate one big amateur Soccer organisation in NSW.

In business he has held a highly responsible position with the Reserve Bank of Australia, as well serving for a period on secondment as the union secretary and recently as its president.

He told ASW: "My appointment begins on May 1, and I have been working to prepare for the kind of tasks I will be involved in."

"Things will be new to me at first, but I am sure that the co-operation I need will be provided."

P.S. Comedian Brian Doyle was in charge at an Amateurs function at the St George Budapest club, as Holmes came to the microphone. "Here we have a Lebanese tailor," said the irrepressible Brian.

— KEITH GILMOUR



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WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BEST MATES MEET ON FIELD?

BY RAY GATT

CLOSE friends they might be, but there is still some fun — and at times intense — rivalry between former Sydney City and Socceroo team-mates John Kosmina and Steve "Rocky" O'Connor.

Kosmina, now with Sydney Olympic and O'Connor, now with St George, have already played against each other twice this season — and it is not hard to see that they are enjoying their one-on-one battles.

The first time they "clashed" was in the first round of the West End League when the now defunct Sydney City, led by O'Connor, beat Olympic 2-0.

Kosmina and Rocky met up again last Sunday week when Olympic and O'Connor's new team St George battled out a lifeless 0-0 draw.

As an unbiased observer, I would say that they have shared the honours so far, although Kosmina disagrees.

"We are keeping count and by my reckoning I have nut-megged him three times now," Kosmina laughed after the St George game.

ROCKY AND KOSSIE HAVE THEIR FUN

"As well, I rounded him a couple of times by using my superior speed."

O'Connor, who has been in great form this season, was somewhat frustrated against Olympic, especially with some of referee Gary Power's decisions.

Time and again he was penalised for fouls on Kosmina, who is close to his best form again.

O'Connor's frustration showed and he did not hesitate — in his own inimitable style — to let Mr Power know what he thought about some of the decisions.

Still, Rocky is enjoying his football.

He has already given St George and Socceroo coach Frank Arok a gentle reminder that he is still one of the best defenders in Australia.



Steve O'Connor (left) and John Kosmina (right).

BRISBANE CROATIA HAS EYES ON XXXX LEAGUE

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE Second Division club Croatia has moved a step closer to achieving its aim of playing in Queensland's XXXX League.

Last week the club beat local rivals Inala City to move to the top of the Second Division table and now are hoping to maintain the position and win the lone promotion position to the XXXX League.

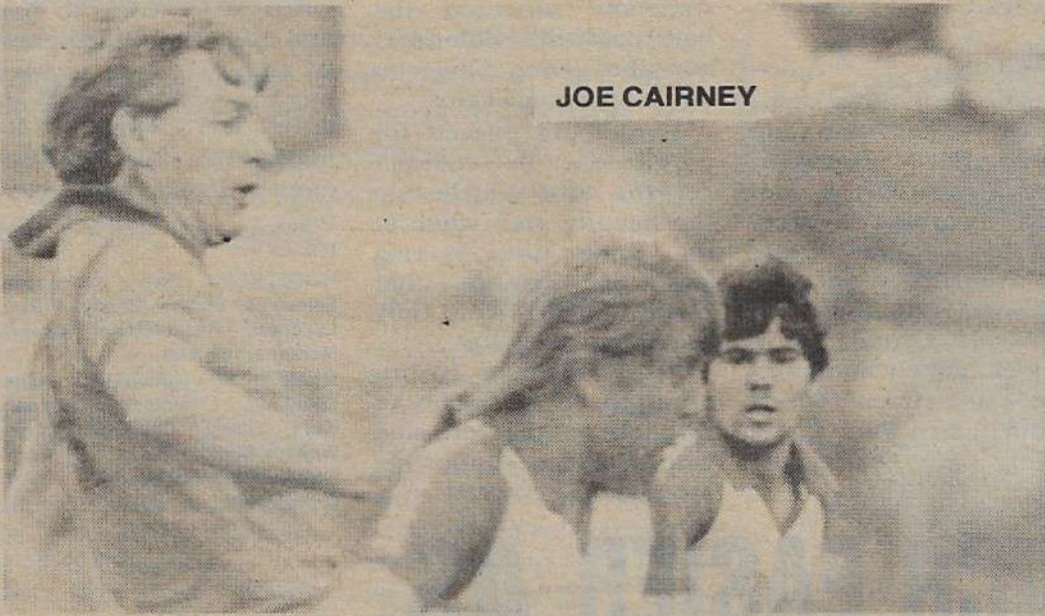
The club has spent big money this season to build a strong team which includes former National League players Joe Cairney (Lions and City), George Caird (Brisbane City), Brett Beves (Lions), Mark Atmore (Lions) and Mick Gerritsen (City).

The club, in conjunction with the Croatian community centre, is also building a huge clubhouse and community building at their Dunn Road, Rocklea complex.

The biggest crowd of the weekend turned out to watch Croatia beat Inala City.

It was obvious from the kick-off that this would be a hard fought battle. There were some hard tackles and the referee didn't help the situation with everything going against Croatia.

Players became frustrated with some of the decisions and in the 20th minute goalkeeper Beves was shown the yellow card for questioning a decision.



JOE CAIRNEY

The huge crowd of Croatian supporters encouraged their team but the first half ended scoreless.

The Croatia players looked tired and exhausted and some Croatia supporters would have been satisfied to end the game then and take the point.

But in the dressing rooms other plans were in making. Mile Matesic was to replace Ivica Damir, who despite injury, displayed some brilliant ball control and skills.

Atmore, the team captain, was instructed to settle down the play and keep possession in order the wear down the opposition.

At the beginning of the second half, Croatia looked good and were able to create more chances and have more shots on goal.

Atmore, Caird and Gerritsen were working well and in the 65th minute Atmore sent Caird down the left wing. He forced his way into the box beating off two defenders before shooting into the net. The supporters went wild and the players responded.

Suddenly it looked like Inala City had given up. Croatia went on creating more and more opportunities and the Inala defence panicked.

The occasional Inala counter attacks were turned back thanks to brilliant defending by two youngsters, Tommy Novack and Daniel Castello. Beves had the game of his life with several brilliant saves, making him man of the match.

Atmore continued to control the midfield and in the both he set-up Dean Morgan to score Croatia's second.

Croatia finished the game playing tactical football, retaining possession for the final 10 minutes to ensure a well-earned victory, which was celebrated later at the Croatian Community Centre at Rocklea.

Coach Zeljko Bambic was delighted with the win, praising the goalscorers, but also saving special mention for the Beves and 20-year-old Tommy Novack, who turned back countless Inala attacks.

ZARKO IN DEEP TROUBLE

ZARKO ODZAKOV is in trouble again over his right knee.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

After damaging it in the Sydney Croatia match against Sunshine George Cross at the Croatian Sports Centre a fortnight ago, he took another knock in Sunday's South Melbourne game.

He didn't get far into the game when an attempt to reach a short pass from Robbie Slater brought a tackle — and agony.

Zarko limped off and was replaced by industrious Shane Clinch.

He certainly is unhappy over his immediate prospects, but early medical advice indicates that the problem is entirely different to the earlier one.

In the first incident he performed a slow motion pirouette and took a slight twist of the knee.

What resulted was a

stretched ligament and a grossly swollen knee.

He next got through the Preston game at Conner Reserve, only to run into the problem back at home.

Feeling that things weren't just quite right he called in Australian squad physiotherapist Pedro Ruz for some attention.

Fortunately Sydney Croatia's next game is Wednesday night at the Croatian Sports Centre in the Beach Fashion Cup.

Coach Vedran Rozic said: "He will be standing down for that."

Then comes the 'Sydney City withdrawal' bye, allowing a clear two weeks to see what happens.

The former Preston and Vardar Skopje star should be classed as a certainty for the President's Cup trip to Seoul in June — provided that the injury heals.

After his first injury Zarko was adamant that he would be fit again immediately.

This time, from the physio's bench, he could barely raise the hint of a smile, "It doesn't look too good," he concluded.

EDDIE SIGNS ON THURSDAY

THE final deal has been struck and Eddie Thomson, Australia's most successful coach, will be on the dotted line for Sydney Olympic on Thursday.

Thomson and his quietly-spoken ex-English professional assistant Mick Hickman have already been on the job at Olympic's training sessions and at the Adelaide City game in Adelaide.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

Olympic, undisciplined so far this year, will find a firm hand is there to make them produce whatever they can after such a disastrous start.

Speculation over the Thomson deals with both former Hakoah-backed Sydney City and now Sydney Olympic has been widespread.



EDDIE THOMSON

The figure for a new two-year contract is astronomical by Australian standards and has been quoted at \$40,000 per annum in circles that should know.

Thomson was due to

receive big bickies from Hakoah Club Ltd also. Obviously he has done well there, as he will give some service to their other offshoot in Soccer, the Sydney Maccabi Club, which has been riding high in the NSW Second Division.

The fact that Olympic is to produce such big money for 'Big Eddie' would come as a surprise to anyone who did not understand the financing of a club such as Olympic.

Strapped for funds consistently, somehow they manage to pass the hat around and go for the best.

Under Manfred Schaefer they won the NSL Cup in 1983 and 1985. They have also won the NSL Northern Division also before the wheels fell off with a lack of fit players capable of handling the ultimate winners, Adelaide City.

The decision to appoint Milan Lukic found a man in charge who was unused to the outlook of the players.

Even Thomson can see no joy at the end of the tunnel for 1987, which by rights should have been Olympic's big year.

Said Thomson: "I can't see how Martyn Ro-

gers was brought out here and then allowed to return to England."

Marshall Soper's injury represents a big loss, but the club is now learning just how much Gary Phillips meant to them.

It is one thing to have Peter Raskopoulos laying off some good balls and Vince Estavillo back to provide some South American magic.

But Phillips, the little battler from Sawtell on the NSW North Coast, is something else.

He covers more ground in a game than most other players have even heard of, and his return to fitness from his back injury is essential to the well being of the side.

But, for the present, it is over to 'Thommo' to reconstruct a side to be fully competitive.

NSL TOP SCORERS

ROBBIE SLATER	7
Sydney Croatia	
ROD BROWN	6
APIA	
CHARLIE VILLANI	4
Adelaide City	
IAN WALLACE	4
Melbourne Croatia	
GRAHAM ARNOLD	4
Sydney Croatia	
JOHN YZENDOORN	3
Brunswick	
FRANK FARINA	3
Marconi	
PAUL WADE	3
South Melbourne	
MARK JONES	3
Sydney Croatia	

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A DASH OF YELLOW CARDS AS DERBY ENDS IN DRAW

APIA, thanks mainly to a great piece of misfortune, were able to scramble to a 1 all draw at Lambert Park in their annual Italian derby clash against Marconi in which seven yellow cards were handed out.

The giant Marconi goalkeeper Bob Catlin, who played extremely well, watched in horror in the 68th minute as a Mark Brown cross from the left went straight through his hands and hit centre-back Gerry Gomez on the head. The ball ricocheted off Gomez and into Marconi's net to level the scoreline at 1-1.

This battle royale developed into rough play in the first 25 minutes of the second half forcing efficient referee Jim Reeves to issue yellow cards to Robbie Wheatley, Arno Bertogna, Jean-Paul de-Marigny, David Lowe, Burim Zajmi, Paul Carter and Geoff Gunning.

The sooner hitting from behind is outlawed in this country, the better it will be for referees, entertaining players and above all, the paying spectator.

Marconi grabbed the lead in the 21st minute

By JOHN ECONOMOS

when skipper and centre-back, Tony Henderson, swung a 50 metre ball over the top of the entire stacked midfield to pick up striker Frank Farina out wide on the left.

Henderson's great experience and vision enabled him to realise that the long ball over the top was going to be the solution for the free Farina.

The flashing Farina refused to disappoint Hendo and zipped infield to blast his 12 metre drive into the bottom right hand corner of the target.

In the first 25 minutes of the match, Apia displayed a magnificent style of football with crisp, short passing on the floor as they attempted to work the ball forward.

The midfield of Terry Butler, Alex Bundalo, Edward Lorens and Peter Tredinnick zipped the ball back and forth across field to strikers Rod Brown and Zajmi as they endeavoured to cut through.

As expected though, Marconi's solid back-four of Paul Carter, Gomez, Henderson and Wheatley repeatedly neutralised Apia's moves with strong tackling.

The midfield battle saw Marconi's Zaltko Nasteviski, Craig Mason, Tommy McCulloch and Lowe succumbed to Apia's pressure in the first session.

But the second session saw Mason and Henderson stubbornly bring Marconi back off the ropes with sterling clearances and great resilience.

Marconi should have hit the lead in the 20th minute when Lowe nicely set-up Farina. But Farina's powerful angled shot from the right was solidly blocked by Apia's goalkeeper Tony Pezzano.

The 57th minute saw Apia's speedy, skilful

substitute striker Hilton Phillips crack an 18 metre first time drive at the target that had Catlin fully stretched across his timbers to block well.

Six minutes from the end Apia's Rod Brown chipped an advancing Catlin but the ball shaved the left post.

Stars for Apia were Zajmi, Butler, Bertogna, Tredinnick and De Marigny whilst the visitors were best served by Henderson, Mason, Lowe and Wheatley.

A sceptical Marconi coach Roberto Vieri reflected after the match: "It was a good match and maybe the best result even though we missed two more good chances."

In the home side dressing rooms, Rale Rasic commented: "Yes it was a good match and Marconi are a good team but not as good as they themselves say."

APIA: Pezzano: Brown, Bertogna, Yankos, De Marigny: Butler, Bundalo, Lorens, Tredinnick: Zajmi, Brown.

MARCONI: Catlin: Carter, Henderson, Gomez, Wheatley: Nasteviski, Mason, McCulloch, Lowe: Maxwell, Farina.

Referee: J.Reeves.
Crowd: 4,459.



This classic Les Shorrock photo shows Melbourne Croatia's Ian Wallace in a duel for the ball with Adelaide City's Alex Tobin in a recent match. Wallace has proved a great buy for Croatia and has already scored four goals. We are sure there are many more to come yet.

DE COSTI SEAFOODS LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney Croatia	5	5	-	-	17	4	10
Leichhardt	5	2	3	-	11	7	7
Marconi	5	3	1	1	7	4	7
Brunswick	5	3	1	1	6	4	7
Adelaide City	5	2	2	1	12	7	6
Melbourne Croatia	5	3	-	2	8	10	6
South Melbourne	4	2	-	2	6	5	4
Preston	4	1	2	1	4	4	4
H'berg	5	1	1	3	7	10	3
St George	5	1	1	3	3	8	3
Olympic	4	-	2	2	3	7	2
Footscray	4	-	1	3	2	8	1
Sunshine	4	-	-	4	2	10	0

RESULTS

LEICHHARDT 3 (R. Brown 2, A. Bertogna) b FOOTSCRAY 1 (N. Burlak) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1600.

ROUND 5

ST GEORGE 2 (S. Ollerenshaw 2) b SUNSHINE 1 (D. McLaren) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1465.

SYDNEY CROATIA 2 (R Slater, M Jones) b SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 8239.

BRUNSWICK 1 (S Lane) drew with PRESTON 1 (R Campbell) at Olympic Park. Crowd: 2000.

LEICHHARDT 1 (G Gomez og) drew with MARCONI 1 (F Farina) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 4459.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (I Wallace 2, P Lewis) b HEIDELBERG 1 (P Tsolakis) at Heidelberg. Crowd: 4000.

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (A Toland, C Villani) drew with SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (J Kosmina) at Olympic Sport Field. Crowd: 4500.

NSL ROUND 6

SUNDAY MAY 3, 2.30PM

Marconi	v	Footscray	Marconi Stadium
Preston Make.	v	St George	Connor Reserve
Sth Melbourne	v	Brunswick Juventus	Middle Park
Melb Croatia	v	APIA-Leichhardt	Olympic Park
Sydney Olympic	v	Heidelberg United	St George Stad
Sunshine G.C.	v	Adelaide City	Chaplin Reserve

— MELBOURNE CROATIA HAVE REPLY —

Heidelberg Alexander just did not have the answer to Melbourne Croatia's vast depth of experience as the Greek side was defeated 3-1 at the Olympic Village.

Everything fell into place for the Croatia team, which was under enormous pressure from fans after a disappointing start to its NSL season.

Terry Hennessey's big money signings — Robbie Dunn, Alan Davidson and Ian Wallace — all had a field day, and the club's latest acquisition from Preston Makedonia, Graham Heys, gave

BY JOHN MANGAN

the Heidelberg defence plenty of problems too.

As for Heidelberg coach John Margaritis, he has the task ahead of him of moulding his young team into an outfit that can mix it at the highest level.

They made a perfect start when Peter Tsolakis

deftly lobbed the ball over Croatia keeper Mirko Runje in the 12th minute to put his side into an early lead.

Heidelberg was thrown 20 minutes later when West Australian referee Barry Harwood made a controversial decision awarding a free-kick to Croatia. While the Heidelberg players were still arguing with Harwood, Croatia took the kick quickly and launched an attack which culminated in Paul Lewis slotting the ball past keeper Jeff Olver.

Wallace put Croatia into the lead just after half-time when in a goal-mouth scramble he somehow squeezed the ball past the defenders and the diving Olver to notch up a crucial goal.

Heidelberg pushed for an equaliser but couldn't get the vital touches in the penalty area while at the same time leaving gaps in defence that Dunn and Co. were only too happy to exploit.

With less than 10 minutes to go Lewis broke through on the left side with Wallace supporting him. Lewis cracked in a

shot that drew a brilliant save from Olver.

Minutes later Heidelberg was not so lucky when Heys won the ball and took it into the penalty area. He was tackled but the ball fell to Wallace, who slipped his marker to shoot into an empty net making complete Heidelberg's misery.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, Kanesoulis, Selemidis, Hunter, Marley, Fraser, Lucchesi, Anastasiadis, Deeley, McKinna, Tso-lakis.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje, Davidson, McIntosh, Hannah, Heys, Biskic, Campbell, Lewis, Wallace, Scott.
Referee: Barry Harwood.
Crowd: 4000.

AROK BREATHES MUCH EASIER AS. . . .

ST GEORGE broke their "duck" when they defeated Sunshine George Cross 2-1, thanks largely to a brilliant brace of goals by the unexplained super-sub, Scott Ollernshaw at the St George Stadium.

Ollernshaw had been dropped for the past few weeks but the teenager was brought on as a substitute for the injured Stuart Porter in the 37th minute to save the Saints against a much under-rated Sunshine.

By JOHN ECONOMOS

Ollernshaw levelled the scoreline in the 73rd minute (looking off-side), as he followed up a Fletcher shot parried by Sean Keogh to bury the rebound from a sharp angle on the left.

Four minutes from

fulltime, Ollernshaw grabbed both NSL points for the Saints when he robbed a Sunshine defender of possession and scooted forward to smash into the right hand corner of the target.

The Victorians hit the lead in the 24th minute when their star striker Paul Trimboli chipped a short cross into the box for Don McLaren to hook in from 12 metres out.

Sunshine who are at the bottom of the League ladder, looked most impressive as they dominated the entire

first half. They could, with a little luck, led 3 nil at the break.

Trimboli constantly ripped the Saints apart and Carl Gilder should have scored as early as in the second minute.

The 62nd minute saw Saints attack through Graeme Fletcher when he sent in a flat cross from the right.

Ollernshaw dummied over the top of the cross allowing it to go to Mike Grbevski. Grbevski's first-time point-blank blast was well blocked by Sean Keogh.

Saints were struggling against an efficient

Victorian midfield of Jeff Faulkner, McLaren and John Markovski. Markovski especially, constantly cut St George down the left side with his lethal left boot.

The 72nd minute saw St George awarded a penalty by referee Terry Seacy for a Markovski foul on George Kulcsar. But horror struck Saints as Fletcher's spot-blast was brilliantly saved by Keogh with a sharp dive to his right.

After the match, an understandably dejected Sunshine coach, John Gardiner, lamented: "We are punished every week by match officials. My lads became despondent and dropped their

heads a little in the second-half tongith."

Frank Arok, Saints' coach, elated at his first NSL victory of the season, jubilantly boasted: "My youngsters showed great character and courage to come back so strongly from behind."

Man of the match was Trimboli whilst Ollernshaw, Mike Gibson and Steve O'Connor stood out for the Saints.

ST GEORGE: Gibson: Green, O'Connor, O'Shea, Kulcsar, Grbevski: Ricoy (Slavski 61st), Moffitt, Porter (Ollernshaw 37th), Hagan, Fletcher.

SUNSHINE: Keogh: Taylor, Parton, Richardson, Campbell: Faulkner, McLaren, Markovski (Mitten 75th), Bain, Trimboli, Gilder (Edwards 79th).

Referee: T.Seacy.
Crowd: 1,465.

SYDNEY CROATIA STAY ON TOP OF CHAMPIONSHIP

IF South Melbourne had taken their scoring boots with them when they travelled to meet Sydney Croatia at Edensor Park the scoreline may have favoured them 2-0 instead of the other way around.

BY FRANK COLETTA

The championship leaders hit the lead after just seven minutes when Manis Lamond took off down the left flank in pursuit of a Graham Jennings pass. His cross was met by Graham Arnold, who put enough power into it for the ball to squeeze through keeper Peter Laumets towards the goal.

With a goal at his mercy Robbie Slater rushed in to slam his seventh of the season.

Despite the early setback South Melbourne forged ahead and took control of the game.

The southerners were indeed quite dangerous from the set pieces with Danny Crainie calling the shots.

In fact, only 10 minutes after going a goal behind, Hellas were unlucky when Steve Blair struck the post from a Crainie corner.

Then expatriate Queenslander Danny Wright came close with a diving header on the end of another Crainie free-kick.

South's number seven was indeed the platform on which this fightback was built and he went perilously close after 25 minutes with a left-footed drive.

Then disaster for the second home game in a row struck midfielder Zarko Odzakovic, who was served a poor pass and he reeled from the challenge with the strapping stopper Richard Miranda.

Odzakovic was carried off once again.

South picked up in the early part of the second half where they left off in the first but Croatia

managed to deny them the equaliser on every occasion.

Then the Sydneysiders finally got back into gear and the two points were nearly sealed when a Shane Clinch cross was hammered against the post by the very much in form Mark Jones.

Stuart Stevenson came on as a substitute and had good effect, so much so that he brought the best out of Anthony Franken with a scorching volley.

But the hard-working Jones fully deserved the winner which he grabbed 11 minutes from full-time when he scored with a beautiful header.

Jennings passed to Rezo and his deep cross found Jones leaping on the edge of the six-yard box with a fantastic twisting header that went in off the base of the post.

Croatia coach Vedran Rozic was concerned only with the two points and that his side had overcome another difficult opponent.

"We let South Melbourne dominate in the

first half. They are a good team and to allow them to hold the midfield as we did is silly. It was a real problem which we tried to fix in the second half and it was fixed through some hard work by our midfielders," he said.

His South Melbourne counterpart Brian Garvey was not overly disappointed and had no real reason to be so.

"We put up a real fight. We made the chances but didn't take them."

"The goals didn't come and of course you can't win if you don't score, it's as simple as that," he said.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken, Savor, Jennings, Vlietstra, Rozic, Rumora (Rezo 46), Jones, Slater, Odzakovic (Clinch 30), Arnold, Lamond.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, McDowall, Blair (Stevenson 65), Crainie (Murphy 82), Miranda, Egan, Wade, Wright, Halford.

CROWD: 8286
Referee: R. Lorenc.
Bookings: Ante Rumora (Syd Cro), Ange Postecoglou (Sth Melb)

WHIRLWIND FINISH BY ADELAIDE CITY

SYDNEY Olympic almost grabbed its first win of the season on Sunday but a grandstand finish by Adelaide City, reminiscent of last year's Grand final between the pair, produced the equaliser to give the champions a 2-2 draw in front of their screaming fans.

BY TOM MCKAIN

It was a game full of controversy with Olympic's new coach Eddie Thomson in the thick of it.

He was spoken to twice by referee Chris Bambridge whose performance, as far as both teams were concerned, did not come up to his FIFA World Cup rating.

But let's unfold the game in sequence.

It took City only nine minutes to hit the front when forward Andy Toland accepted a throw-in from the right from full-back Alex Tobin and from inside the box from an acute angle sent in a dipper which beat Gary Meier.

Eleven minutes later John Kosmina struck for Olympic.

He picked up a through ball on the left and, going the wrong way on the edge of the box, crashed a shot home to the right of goalkeeper Willie

McNally, who had been left without cover but did manage to dive the right way.

And it was Kosmina, the former SA player Adelaide fans love to hate, who put Olympic in front in the 25th minute with a header from a Chris Kalantzis lob from the left.

City defenders scrambled for the ball but were too late — it was over the line and all they did was push it further into the net.

It looked all over for City, who were in disarray with David Ratcliffe, Robert Hooker, Tony Dakos and Emil Dragicevic blocking out the home front-runners Joe Mullen, Lenny Vatsilas and Toland.

Then came the killer as far as Olympic was concerned.

Toland, on the right inside the box, sent in a shot which was blocked

by a packed defence. The rebound was met by Charlie Villani who sent in a screamer which gave Meier no show — but linesman Mike Browning's flag was up on the right.

Kosmina then Thomson challenged the referee to check with his fellow official but Bambridge pointed to the centre spot and it was 2-2 with home fans jeering Thomson and Kosmina.

That was in the 71st minute and from then on City fired with Villani, Sergio Melta, Vatsilas, Adrian Santrac, Mullen and Aurelio Vidmar as well as Toland charging at the Olympic defence.

However Kalantzis and Kosmina did manage to break for Olympic and Abbas Saad put one over the bar before going off with cramp.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Melta, Shillabeer, Nyskohous, Tobin, Santrac, Villani, Vidmar, Toland, J. Mullen, Vatsilas.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier, Hooker, Ratcliffe, Estavillo, Johnston, Saad (Patalis 79), Kosmina, Raskopoulos (Haniotis 76), Kalantzis, Dakos, Dragicevic.

Referee: C. Bambridge (Vic)
Crowd: 4214
Bookings: Aurelio Vidmar (Adcity), Stuart Johnston (Oly).

COACHES HAVE THEIR SAY IN AFTER MATCH TIRADE

The battle on the park, as under-manned Preston came away from Olympic Park with a point against Brunswick Juventus on Sunday, was nothing compared to the war of words that exploded between both camps after the game.

BY GREG BLAKE

The sometimes heated on-field action ended with the score locked at 1 all with Sean Lane scoring against his old club to put Juventus ahead before Preston equalised with a miraculous goal from midfielder Ron Campbell.

But the best action was reserved for the change rooms where the Juventus camp was fuming at what they variously described as "defensive, pathetic and hopeless" tactics used by the visitors.

"They should be kicked out of the League for playing like that. How do they expect fans to come and watch that rubbish?" said one high-ranking Juventus official.

Preston coach Bill Murray, on hearing the accusations, was red in the face with anger as he came out in defence of his side.

"I cannot understand how they can malign us. We came here not to make it easy for them and nearly took both points," Murray explained.

"We showed character, discipline and courage to do as well after

playing a Cup game last Wednesday and going into this game without Gojovic and Dobson, with two other players returning from injury without having trained and with another in for his first full game.

"As it was, we should have been three or four goals up at halftime."

Certainly hot and cold Juventus was troubled in the first 45 minutes as Preston's midfield, with Campbell showing super touch and young George Jolevski tearing holes in the Juventus left flank, had Juve on the run.

All the clear chances fell Preston's way before the break with Brisbane Lion's import John Stewart the unluckiest of the strikers.

Three chances, to Stewart, Campbell and Stewart again, could have seen Preston ahead but Juventus turned the table immediately after halftime with Scott Patterson instigating the revival.

An Yzendoorn free-kick outside the box gave Juventus the lead as his shot looped around the wall and



Steve Gojevic in action for Preston.

Lane with his first goal since his \$30,000 transfer to Juventus, scooted in to stab the ball home from close-range.

The equaliser came seven minutes later from Campbell as he scored with a spectacular raking drive from all of 35 metres as he caught Marrama off his line.

Juventus had its chances to grab both points and came closest when Patterson cracked a glorious drive against the post in the 58th minute.

One player smiling despite some overly

physical clashes late in the game was Juventus goalscorer Lane.

"There's always plenty of stick out there but it suits me as I don't mind getting stuck in if I have too," he said.

"I was just glad to get off the mark with the goal and extra glad as it was against my old club Preston."

JUVENTUS: Marrama: Lewis, Brown, Yzendoorn, Incantalupo, Patterson, Durakovic, Grbac (Belic 75th), Cullen: Lane, Zinni.

PRESTON: Triannidis: Oposinis, Piculovski, Jackson, McLennan: Jolevski, Tasevski, Campbell, Ilioski: Stewart, Smith.
Referee: D. Voutsinis.
Crowd: 2750.

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REFEREES OVER RA UTD

had produced certain proposals and these would be discussed by the referees on Wednesday, April 29.

Present at last week's meeting were Perkins, Alberto, the ACT senior league referees' liaison officer, Ken Carter, with Murphy and George Dobbin representing the referees.

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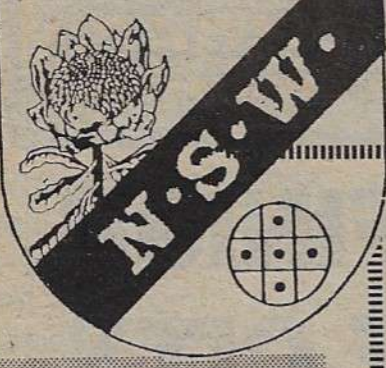


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HOWLING WOLVES ON THE PROWL

WOLLONGONG WOLVES howled at Grahame's Reserve to take the points in a very one-sided game and edge its way towards the top of the table.

Brian Cokely was at the far post after 18 minutes to head past Warren to give the visitors its lead. Eight minutes later it was Jeff Ainsworth who slipped the attention of the home team to find himself at the far post to score for the Wolves.

An expected reversal in the second half never eventuated as Wollongong roamed with ease to create numerous chances, alas only to see one converted in the 76th minute. Randell Easthorpe on the park for a few minutes created the chance for Roberto Giraldi as he rose high to nod for his team mate and the rest was an easy goal for Wollongong's fleet footed striker.

FRESHWATER: Warren, Gillan, Kelly (50th Fagan), Watt, Duckling, Marshall, Campbell, Dean, Knight, DeCeglie, Corrigan.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Young, Skeen, Hollifield, Morlando, Dickson, Stevanovski (Easthorpe 72nd), Ainsworth, Hristovski, Cokely, Brodnik, Giraldi (Trajcevi 80th).

The State League Story

DEMONS ROMP HOME IN GOAL BLITZ

BLACKTOWN CITY Demons piled up the goals with the Australian Youth international Kurt Reynolds grabbing four as the Demons maintained their position at the top of the State Bank championship with a 7-1 win over Manly at the Gabbie Stadium.

BY ALEX VESIC

Uruguayan Penrith knocked in five goals past Wollongong Macedonia goalkeeper Bezimovski to score an easy 5-1 victory at Kelly Park.

But, the feast of goals was not confined to the Gabbie and Kelly Park. Canterbury Marrickville Olympic thrashed Inter Monaro 5-0 at Arling-

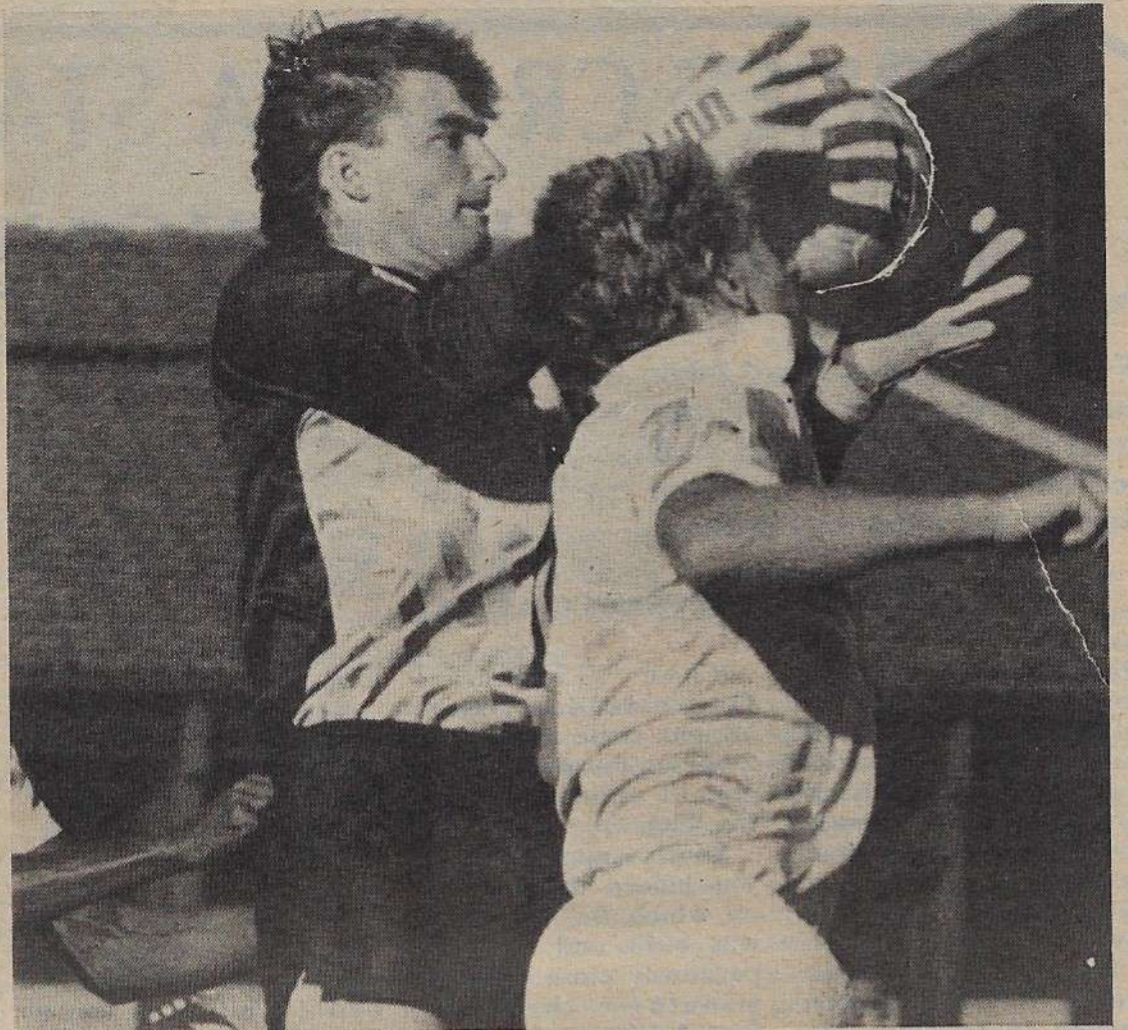
ton, Sutherland scored four goals at Adamstown last Saturday to brush past Newcastle and Freshwater fell, yet again at home, this time to Wollongong City 3-1.

Good news for Ku-ring-gai. The side travelled to Canberra

with little chance of taking one point from the leading lights in the State League but the Chasers surprised, showing fine resistance to take the point.

In the derby at St George Stadium it was Rockdale Ilinden who led for more than an hour only to lose one point after a late goal by Melita's Lenny Vial.

Alex Robertson and goalkeeper Clint Gosling were the new men for Melita and Zlatko Markovski for Rockdale as the two sides fought with enthusiasm to share the spoils.



New Melita goalkeeper Clint Gosling during his days with Newcastle.

OH, WHAT A HIDING AS DEMONS GO ON A FEAST

KURT Reynolds scored two first half goals to give Blacktown an edge at the Gabbie and the advantage which was to lead the Demons to its biggest win of the season.

To add insult to injury Blacktown's sweeper came back with further goals in the second half to increase his personal tally to four (six for the season) in a game which saw Manly sadly out of the depth in the closing stages of the match.

A penalty, given away early by Manly, was superbly tucked away by Reynolds to see the Demons one up, then an unfortunate back header by a Manly defender saw him on the spot to head past Tingle.

Wayne Pearce cut the lead to one after his free kick was deflected past Watson.

But that was just about all Manly could do to stop the tide.

Grant Lee made it 3-1 with his first goal for his new club two minutes into the second half and that spelt the end of any chance Manly had.

However, they hung on grimly and with seconds ticking away it looked as if the Eagles were going to go seaside losing by a respectable score.

Then with 13 minutes remaining the flood gates opened with Peter Denyer scoring in the 77th and Reynolds followed with another penalty for his hat-trick in the 80th.

He followed up with another to make it 6-1 with Paul Kay closing the scoring in the last minute.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Watson, Maier, Sterrey, Reynolds, Northam, Denyer, Kay, Ellem, Lee, Cotton, Van Blerk.

MANLY: Tingle, Dennis, Mangham, Pearce, Robin, Etherington, Juergens, Williamson, Ferguson, Cimarosti, Stuart.

WELCOME BACK TONY CABAN

TONY Caban returned to his home town last Saturday night to pave the way for Sutherland's victory over Newcastle at Adamstown.

Caban gave his team heart with an equaliser after 26 minutes before the visiting team went ahead through Greg Lerond in the 30th minute. From then on there was no stopping this fast and furious bunch of sharks.

Bret Nelson chimed into the attack after a corner kick from the right side and his right footer found the corner of the net to give the visitors its most comfortable lead yet this season.

Newcastle appeared set for a good day earlier on as the young Novocastrians peppered Burchmores's goal. The opening 10 minutes saw one way traffic which culminated with a Craig Penfold goal after an unusual error by Peter Terry.

Caban rode past the fullback then beat the keeper in the 26th before Lerond made it 2-1 some four minutes later. A Goal by Nelson on the stroke of half time made it impossible for the home side to come back.

Craig Hall managed to run away from his shadow after a clearance by Ball in the 77th to beat Craig Grills, giving Sutherland an unsailable lead. It was not until the last minute that the home side replied and it was by far the best goal of this match.

NEWCASTLE: Grills, Milosevic, M. Drysdale, McGuinness, Baillie, Kaiser, Gresham, N. Drysdale, Cavanah, Bland, Penfold.

SUTHERLAND: Burchmore, R. O'Shea, Terry, Nelson, Sellar (50th Ball), J. O'Shea, Tasker, Harrington, Lerond, Hall, Caban, (50th Sharpe).

GRIFFINS PAY THE PENALTY

CANBERRA Griffin paid the penalty for not converting their overwhelming second half superiority into goals with a 1-1 draw against Ku-ring-gai.

BY GRAHAME COOK

The Griffins hit the front in the 20th minute; Player-coach Augusto Palacios received a pass in the penalty area and despite being put under pressure managed to get the ball to Sixto Gonzales who scored from close range.

With the Griffins having so much of the play it was easy to forget there was still only one goal in the game and this lesson was brought home in the 84th minute.

Glen Jeffery, who with striking partner Craig Bass had always been a latent threat up front, caught the home side on the wrong foot when a long clearance found him unmarked and his well struck shot beat Economopoulos for the equaliser.

CANBERRA: Economopoulos, Bryant, Mazis, Dunn, Nelson, P. Reis, Willox (Murray 46th), Serani, Palacios, A. Reis, Gonzales (Novakovic 77th).

KU-RING-GAI: Lacey, Kevern, Camburn, Campbell, Pepper, Berry, Quigley, Williamson, Jeffery, Bass, Nield (Ferguson 64th).

STATE BANK LEAGUE

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	P	W	D	L	Pts	Goal Difference
Blacktown City	7	5	1	1	20	+10
Canberra Griffins	7	3	3	1	10	+10
Wollongong City	7	4	1	2	14	+5
Rockdale Ilinden	7	3	2	2	9	+5
Sutherland	7	2	4	1	8	+5
Manly Warringah	7	4	0	3	7	+5
Uruguay Penrith	7	3	1	3	17	+5
Canterbury M'ville	7	2	3	2	13	+5
Melita Eagles	7	2	3	2	12	+5
Ku-Ring-Gai	7	2	3	2	8	+5
Newcastle R'buds	7	3	0	4	10	+5
Wollongong Mace	7	1	2	4	7	+5
Warringah F/Water	7	2	0	5	12	+5
Inter Monaro	7	1	1	5	5	+5

RESULTS ROUND 8

BLACKTOWN 7 (K Reynolds 4, P Denyer, P Kay, MANLY 1 (W Pearce).
URUGUAYAN PENRITH 5 (J McKie 2, D Batten, B Woods) b **WOLLONGONG MACE** 1 (L Dalkovs).
CANTERBURY 5 (T Andromidas 2, N B. Kalogeras, Z Arambasic) b **INTER MONARO** 0.
ROCKDALE 1 (A Bottalico) drew with **MELITA** 1 (L Vial).
SUTHERLAND 4 (T Caban, G Lerond, B Nelson) b **NEWCASTLE** 2 (J Cavanah, C Penfold).
CANBERRA GRIFFINS 1 (S Gonzales) drew with **WOLLONGONG CITY** 1 (G Jeffery).
WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (B Cokely, J Ainsworth) b **FRESHWATER** 1 (I Gillan).

NELIO'S SHOW FOR BERRIES

The Commonwealth Bank Cup match had just ended and the lads were enjoying some refreshments. Two boys were each enjoying a carton of OAK flavoured milk when a colleague quipped: "Hey, Tony, that's the other competition."

Replied Tony: "Yeah, but you try getting a sample from ours (The Commonwealth Bank!)"

Bill Turner stopped by a ground where a match was about to get underway in the Cup series which is named in his honour.

As he walked over, one of the coaches commented: "Ahh, here's Bill Turner." The two spoke briefly and as Bill was walking away he overheard a youngster say to the coach: "Gee sir, he's got the same name as this comp."

The coach showing great restraint, held back his mirth and put the lad right.

show at Arlington and the visitors a merry and create numerous team mates.

Seven minutes into the second half Andromidas hit the woodwork but Kalogeras was on the spot to pick up the rebound and score.

Then came the magic of Nelio Borges and the scoreline of 3-0.

Zlatko Arambasic, the speedy youngster who reminds me so much of Eddie Krncevic, combined with George Kalogeras to make it 4-0 in the 80th. Theo Andromidas completed the rout five minutes later.

CANTERBURY: Hummell, Antoniadis, Vadarakis, Radman, Mickovski, George, Stemos (Politi 65th), Kalogeras, Borges (Efthimides 75th), Andromidas, Arambasic.

INTER MONARO: Maricic, Domazetovic, Gaggetti, Monterosso, Titilas, Ambrosino, Felizzi, Panebianco, Valeri, Chicco, Taglieri.

DEMONS TO WIN TOUGH BATTLE AT COOK PARK

BLACKTOWN CITY should continue its winning form at Cook Park next Sunday despite the form shown by the outfit from Penrith.

It is expected to draw the best crowd of the week with both sides enjoying their football and goals being scored at a fast rate.

As many as six ex-Blacktown players will face their old team and a grudge match is on the cards.

Uruguayan Penrith has a fine defence and a fast and awesome front line but its sting will be subdued by the speed of those young Demons.

BY ALEX VESIC

Inter Monaro is in for another caning at Marco Polo next Sunday at the hands of Canberra Griffin, while Rockdale should dispose of Wollongong Macedonia in an all Macedonian derby at St George Stadium.

Melita Eagles to draw with Sutherland? Well, this would have to be the game I wouldn't want to miss. It will be a

case of the tenacity of Sutherland versus the experience of Melita Eagles.

So much has changed at Melita in recent weeks and their new players include some big guns, namely Rodriguez, Robertson and Gosling.

I feel that Sutherland will have a lot of problems getting past Melita's defence, but it will be just as difficult to see the home team put one past Burchmore.

One goal should decide the issue.

Ku-ring-gai to draw yet again, this time

against Freshwater at home!

That is a bold prediction with Ku-ring-gai doing so well and Freshwater being used as the whipping boys in the League. I believe that there is too much talent at Freshwater for the boat to sink any lower and this might be just the game to turn the tide for them.

Manly will have its work cut out at Cromer Park with Canterbury in full flight. Nelio Borges and Zlatko Arambasic could prove vital cogs for the visitors in this match.

IT'S ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR PENRITH

IT was all systems go for the visiting side from Penrith as goals came at regular intervals to give Uruguayan Penrith its biggest success this season.

David Batten returned to the South Coast, this time to face an old foe in Macedonia Wollongong, and he was on target early with a superb 25 metre volley in the 17th minute to start the rot for the home side.

John Bradley gave a glimpse of his best form in the 29th minute as he outpaced some three defenders before scoring.

The half time break should have seen the home team come out mean and hungry for goals, alas, it did not eventuate; Only a minute into the second half Uruguay had this game parcelled up when John McKie headed in.

McKie repeated his effort in the 65th as Bradley, Gonzales and Genc tore Macedonia to shreds.

Brett Woods got his name on the score sheet from the penalty spot in the 70th and a late reply from Lupce Dafkovski was a token gesture from the well beaten Wollongong team.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Bezimovski (Milenkovski 66th), Muhlbauer, Campbell, Allport, Sweeney, Dafkovski, Willis, Krkovski, Giraldi, Gardiner, Jirsa.

URUGUAYAN PENRITH: Hoare, O'Donnell (Boccino 85th), Piriz, Woods, Bourke, Gonzales, Batten, Bradley, Hunter (70th), Thompson, Genc, McKie.

Second Division

DENNIS MADDEN HAPPY AS KINGSFORD HELD

NORTH BANKSTOWN were unfortunate to drop one competition point in the game against Kingsford Hellas at Potts Park.

The 1-1 draw leaves Norths dropping from second to fourth spot on the table.

However Norths coach Dennis Madden was very pleased with the performance against such a star-studded line-up in the Kingsford team.

Mark Callinan, Darren Stevenson and David Charlesworth for North Bankstown all had strong games in midfield, while Bobby Thomson asserted his authority in defence.

Nevertheless it was Kingsford who opened the scoring in the 41st minute, when striker Willie Murray headed in from a cross.

Kingsford appeared to have complete control but relief came for

Norths when Kingsford's goalkeeper appeared to own-goal after Richie Celarc put the ball in from close range.

However referee Peter Smith awarded the goal to Celarc and the game assumed a different dimension with North Bankstown back in the match with 22 minutes remaining.

North's new signing David Hayes, from now defunct Penrith City, performed admirably in goal in spite of being knocked unconscious for several minutes in an accident late in the game.

The club was grateful to the Hellas physiotherapist for their assistance while the

keeper was 'down and out'.

Hayes recovered and was able to pull off a couple of great saves in the closing minutes.

Another new signing, Chris Cowby from Blacktown United, played very soundly in midfield.

The game ended in a draw, but provided good entertainment for a reasonably sized crowd.

At Pioneer Park, home club Gladesville played a 1-1 draw with Avala, with the latter scoring 15 minutes before half-time.

Gladesville came back in the second half to equalise about 10 minutes from the end when substitute Pat Sullivan headed in from a Mark Baldwin corner.



Alex Robertson. He will be a great buy for Melita Eagles.

DRAW FOR THE GIANTS

THE Battle of the giants at St George Stadium saw Rockdale's Alex Bottalico give his side an early lead. It was his second goal in as many weeks and the one which gave the home side a much needed boost against this star studded Melita Eagles side.

Rockdale looked solid in defence and this one goal advantage certainly gave the Eagles something to chase.

With Clint Gosling in goal, Alex Robertson joining the defence and Ean Rodrigues in midfield, Melita's line-up suffered some major changes and it was not expected that the team would find its rhythm early.

Lenny Vial replaced Ray Farrugia at the start of the second half and soon after Robertson went off making way for young Tony Cabassi.

Melita gave chase through most of the second half but fell foul of the offside trap.

However in the 74th minute Lenny Vial managed to beat the trap and walked around Barker to equalise.

Melita appeared to

have had the territorial advantage for most of this match but chances fell to Rockdale making this draw a fair result for both.

Vasko Mitrevski, Ilinden's Yugoslav import, was the man who supplied the vital pass which led to Rockdale's goal. He received from Nastoski then raced down the flank before crossing into the area for Bottalico to find the net with a superb header.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Barker, Mitrevski, Boogaard, G. Wilson, Pilovski, D. Wilson, Darlington, Tortevski, Nastoski, Bottalico, Bedoni.

MELITA EAGLES: Gosling, Williams, Meerbani, Revely, Robertson (Cabassi 37th min), Ortiz, Rodrigues, Callanan, Farrugia (Vial 46th), Brown, Sertbas.

UNUSUAL DAY FOR 'KEEPER DON SMITH

DON SMITH, the Avala keeper went into the record books following his unusual effort after only two minutes of the match against North Bankstown.

Smith scored when his clearance went through the hands of the opposing keeper after only two minutes to give Avala an early lead.

Six minutes later Uros Calic, Avala's speedy

striker made it 2-0.

North Bankstown came back to level the scores and it stood 2-2 after 89 minutes of play.

Then came Smith again, this time making life difficult for himself.

Holding the ball in one hand, he pushed a Bankstown forward with the other and from the resultant penalty kick Bankstown took the points!



MELITA's LENNY VIAL goes into a tackle.

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Sydney Maccabi
Dee Why Swans
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Blacktown United

Vs Nth Bankstown
Vs Polonia
Vs Bathurst
Vs Fairy Meadow
Vs Avala

Linwood Park
Wentworth Park
Dee Why Oval
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King Tomislav
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Vs Uni of NSW
Vs West United

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The Victorian Newsreel

OAKLEIGH'S NEW BUYS PROVIDE SHOCK RESULT

OAKLEIGH, bolstered by its new signings, Chris Andriotis, Paul Langsbury and Alexander Dick produced the shock result of the weekend beating league leaders Polonia to the tune of 3-1.

The big news during the week, though, was the resignation of Broadmeadows coach Kaz Kulak. Kulak's post has been taken over by the assistant coach Bill Podlewski.

Kulak joined Broadmeadows midway through last season and guided the team to promotion to the State League.

However, after defeating last year's champions Croydon in the first game, Broadmeadows has been unable to get even a draw from its last six matches.

Podlewski started on a low note as Broadmeadows lost 2-1 at home to Western Suburbs.

Meanwhile, Box Hill chalked up its first win for the season when it travelled to Croydon.

NORTHCOTE 1 MORWELL 3

After a slow start to the season, things are finally beginning to go right for Dave O'Connor's Morwell side.

The same cannot be said for Northcote which seems to be still having problems with team spirit and cohesion in spite of the change of coach.

Falcons suffered a setback only minutes into the game when defender Emil Bruns collided with John Leonardos and had to be carried off with a damaged ankle.

O'Connor waited until the 10th minute to bring on Bruns replacement Tony Colachello but in the mean time Effie Cassar put the Falcons into the lead.

A Graham Tutill corner was only half-cleared and fell to Cassar whose shot was deflected by a defender past keeper Mark Turudia.

Cassar put Falcons further into the lead six minutes after half-time when he received a ball from Eric Sostak on the right side, knocked it forward and then slammed his shot inside the far post.

In the 64th minute the visitors earned a penalty when Jim Stiliadis brought down Anthony Cassar in the box. John O'Callaghan had no trouble converting.

Northcote coach Frank Munro pushed Arthur Patiniotis forward and his team's pressure paid off 10 minutes from time when Pedro Ramos was at the far post to head home a Kenny Drakeford corner.

Three minutes later the Falcons sub Colachello was sent off for a terrible tackle on Patiniotis but it was too late for Northcote to save the



BY JOHN MANGAN

game.

NORTHCOTE: Turudia, Stiliadis, Patiniotis, Kouremenos, J. Constantinou, Bekiaris, Leonardos (P. Constantinou 55th), Ramos, Drakeford, Toal, Gymnopoulos.

MORWELL: Eacott, Bingham, Clarke, Bruns (Colachello 10th min, sent off 83rd), Cotis, E. Cassar, O'Callaghan, Tutill, Sostak, Webster, A. Cassar.

BROADMEADOWS 1 WEST SUBURBS 2

Despite a promising start, Broadmeadows crashed 2-1 to Western Suburbs and for new coach Bill Podlewski it was not a day to remember.

Taking over at short notice, Podlewski seemed destined to lead Broadmeadows out of their current gloom when his team took the lead after only four minutes.

In a goalmouth skirmish a Suburbs defender handled the ball and though the referee did not spot the infringement, the linesman did.

The ensuing penalty was slammed home by Terry Nolan.

With the wind at their backs Broadmeadows had the better of the rest of the half until just before half-time when David Smallman bustled his way past two Broadmeadows defenders in their penalty area and levelled the scores.

Steve Dimovski ended any hopes Broadmeadows may have harboured when, 12 minutes from time, he pounced on a ball keeper Dennis Pace had parried from an Alex Kountouris shot.

Broadmeadows pushed hard for an equalizer and a chance fell to Nolan from a Steve Blair free-kick but was squandered.

BROADMEADOWS: Pace, Smart (S. Blair h.t.), Higham, Donaldson, A. Ciantar, Mezzatesta, Edmondson, Vizzini, Farrelly (D. Blair 55th), Nolan, P. Kadlecik.

WEST SUBURBS: Kardamitsis, Macleod, Hamill, Stefanidis (Minh 60th), Kagioglou (72nd Kyriazis), Smallman, Farmer, Kountouris, Tuck, Dimovski, Palmariotti.

FAWKNER 2 CAULFIELD 0

Fawknor came out 2-0 winners over Caulfield on Sunday in a game marked by the open, attacking football played by both sides.

Both teams have a claim to the State League

title and Fawknor was keen to show off the talents of its new signing Dougie Brown from Heidelberg.

Frank McAleer's team got the jump on the visitors taking the lead in the 15th minute when Chiavelli took the ball on the left. Brown went to support and drew defenders with him leaving a gap in the middle.

The ball was duly centred to Bruno Cozzella who beat his man and hit a fine shot from 15 metres into the roof of the net.

Five minutes later another Cozzella shot hit the woodwork.

Ten minutes after half-time Fawknor went further ahead when Joe Palinkas struck a ball forward from defence to Ian Tuffield on the right side.

Tuffield hit a low ball into the middle and Cozzella was there to score Fawknor's and his second goal of the day.

Caulfield pushed forward to get back into the game only to see a Phil Griffin free-kick hit the post and Xynas miss an easy chance from a Sahinidis cross.

FAWKNER: Kasimas, Schipano, Fattore, Ferla, Palinkas, Walsh, Stenson (Verrechia 70th), Chiavelli, Tuffield (DiCecco 85th), Cozzella, Brown.

CAULFIELD: Madjer, Filipou, Mitchell, Harris, Koutos, Theoharous, Hamakiotis, Bitsonis (Theodosopoulos Sahinidis 75th), Griffin (Abraam Xynas 75th).

OAKLEIGH 3 POLONIA 1

There was no disguising Oakleigh coach Kris Kalifatidis's delight with his team's 3-1 victory over table-toppers Polonia.

"It was a surprise result and one which we needed having only recently added a number of players to our squad," he said after the game.

"We were bound to start improving as the new, more experienced players came into the squad. You must remember that until this year none of our team had played State League," he added.

The game pivoted on an incident in the 15th minute when Polonia's ace goalscorer Greg Warszawski abused the referee in Polish. Unfortunately for Warszawski and for Polonia, the referee was Polish and understood what had been said, promptly giving the striker his marching orders.

Reduced to 10 men Polonia succumbed to Oakleigh's pressure. "I am very upset about Warszawski's actions and will be asking my committee to punish him in any way they can," coach Miron Bleiberg said after the match.

"A lot of people put a lot of work into getting results at this club and it is unacceptable that one

player should ruin all that hard work."

Typically, though, only on the pitch for 15 minutes Warszawski scored in the 10th minute dribbling the ball around keeper Michael Oden-sidis.

Recent signing Ally Dick put Oakleigh back on level terms in the 35th minute when he picked up a loose backpass by Gerry Bennett and took it round the keeper Joe Kiss.

Oakleigh hit the lead 10 minutes into the second-half when John Gusic put Steve Irvine through. With Gusic available for the return pass, Irvine rocketed in a shot from the edge of the area that gave Kiss no chance.

Gusic put the game beyond doubt 15 minutes from time when he got up at the far post to nod home a cross from Emil Pahljina.

OAKLEIGH: Oden-sidis, Laletas, Cumming, Langsbury, Pahljina, S. Gusic, J. Gusic, Ross (Andriotis 60th), Politis, Dick, Irvine.

POLONIA: Kiss, Lakic, Bennett, Kotzamichalis, Smolarek, Czarnik, Flavel, Nelson (Liparski 75th), Wycislak, Storm, Warszawski sent off 15th).

ST. ALBANS 0 AIS 1

St Albans Dinamo coach Tony Vrzina registered his protest against the fact that the State League games against the AIS don't earn championship points by fielding a severely under-manned team in Saturday's 1-0 defeat against the Institute.

Mark Wilson, Ivan Duzel and Mick Colina were all sent off last week in Dinamo's State League clash with Caulfield so Vrzina did not play them and he also opted to rest Ned Batino-vic and Danny Ramljak who are both nursing injuries.

Nevertheless Dinamo made the Institute work for its victory and the AIS didn't get the vital goal until the 65th minute.

From a throw-in on the right side Paul Foster drove in a low, hard cross which Mato Grgic got to at the near post but couldn't hold.

The ball spilled to Alis-tair Edwards who mis-kicked it home from close range.

It was a very skilful game and was free of the ill feeling that marred Dinamo's clash with Caulfield last weekend.

AIS coach Ron Smith revealed after the game that his boys have had trouble adapting to the type of ball used in State League matches which is lighter than the Mitre Multiplex ball used in Canberra.

Smith plans to run special training sessions with the Victorian ball to help his players.

DINAMO: Grgic, Senko Rastocic, Kuzman, Krajacic, Dragovic, Culina, Sveto Rastocic, Morovic, Bacak, Runje, Kelic.

AIS: Mower, Healy, Cummings, C. Foster, Riddell, Marcina, Clarkson, Koch, Edwards, P. Foster, Welch.

CROYDON 0 BOX HILL 2

Goals from Dave Mozina and George Campbell gave Box Hill its first victory of the season beating Croydon 2-0 at Town Park.

For both teams this has so far been a frustrating season but now Box Hill fans at least can see some light at the end of the tunnel.

Box Hill coach George Murray has remained loyal to his team which has remained basically unchanged through the Hillmen's difficult spell where they were failing to pick up points.

Murray's patience paid dividends on Sunday as not only did Box Hill take its chances better than Croydon did, but also managed to subdue Croydon's experienced dangermen.

Indeed, Jim Tansey's latest acquisition, Gary Cole, was kept quiet for most of the day.

The even, closely fought game swung Box Hill's way in the 60th minute when Andy McMillan rose at the far post to head a free-kick into the goalmouth where Dave Mozina was on hand to sweep it into the net.

McMillan was again involved 20 minutes later when he broke out of defence and released Mozina wide.

Mozina's cross was hammered into the net by George Campbell to sew up the game for the visitors.

BOX HILL: McKinlay, McMillan, Hennessey, Hird, Roodhouse, Brimmer, Davidson, Burton, Campbell, Mozina, Mori.

GREEN GULLY 2 FRANKSTON PINES 1

Green Gully swept to what many regard as its rightful place at the top of the State League with a solid 2-1 win over Frankston Pines.

Gully is the only team in the competition proper, excluding the AIS, which has yet to lose a match.

But Pines, who are currently negotiating to bring out a visa player from Scotland, gave Gully a hurdle to overcome when they scored first on the quarter hour.

Adrian Harvey put Richie Armstrong through in the middle and Armstrong slotted it past Lou Denys.

As has happened so many times before this season though, Gus Macleod's team bounced back.

Tommy Cumming made a lot of room for himself on the left wing



Goalkeeper Denis Boland in action during his days with Footscray. His brilliant form could not save Springvale from defeat.

before slamming a shot past Branko Radov at the 30 minute mark.

Joe Sweeney scored the winner 15 minutes from time when he took advantage of indecision in the Pines defence when a ball from Steve Douglas bounced over Thurlows head.

So while Gully continues on its winning way Pines coach Danny McMinimee can well feel unlucky at not having got a point out of this game.

FRANKSTON PINES: Radov, Buchanan, Thurlow, Bozic, Watson, Parks, Ferris, Miller, Harvey (Roberts 80th), Armstrong, Smith, (Rust 75th)

SPRINGVALE 1 THOMASTOWN 2

The brilliant goalkeeping of Dennis Boland was not enough to save Springvale from a 2-1 defeat at home to Thomastown.

Boland was called on three times in the first 20 minutes to stop Thomastown from scoring in one-on-one situations as Kevin Carfora, Coyle and Jankulovski all had chances.

Thomastown was dominating and took the lead when Andy Higgins hit a long ball to Bobby McGuinness on the edge of the Vales area.

McGuinness controlled the ball and back-heeled it into the path of Coyle who blasted it past Boland.

Springvale pushed forward and five minutes before half-time was awarded a penalty when Dragan Vasic and Higgins tussled in the penalty-area.

Higgins was cautioned and House took the resulting penalty and though Raponi was able to block the shot it fell to House who scored on the rebound.

With 15 minutes to go Mike Lynn's Thomastown scored the winner when Nino DiMartino floated a free-kick across the area. Arcoraci headed against the crossbar and the ball rebounded to Higgins who also headed against the crossbar.

It was third time lucky for Thomastown as the ball bounced to McGuinness who headed home from the edge of the six-yard box.

SPRINGVALE: Boland, Bannan (Vogel 20th), Bissinger, Williams, Hobson, Stewart (Swinscoe 70th), Bell, Garvey, Loughnane, Vasic, House.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi, Cosen-tino, McMillan, Higgins, Arcoraci, Carfora, DiMartino, Jankulovski (Kerr 60th), Coyle, McGuinness, Temos.

FROM RAIN TO SUNSHINE . . .

THE Soccer I watched over the Easter weekend was as varied as the weather, which is saying a lot in Melbourne.

Easter Sunday was a day right out of the middle of winter and the offering served up by Sunshine George Cross and Brunswick Juventus matched it perfectly.

Sunshine was named after a combine harvester and not for its climate. It's hardly the Gold Coast of Victoria, in fact, it's a pretty grim sort of a place, although I hasten to add that remark does not apply to the club. Indeed, Alf Zahra and his cohorts couldn't be more hospitable.

But, the stark reality of sitting on the bottom of the League table must leave its mark and there's a hint of desperation creeping into Georgie's game these days.

Granted, Steve Richardson was missing from the heart of the defence, but how else can you explain young Andrew Marth's tactics of stopping Sean Lane by hanging on to his shirt all day?

Not to mention the treatment dished out to Andrew Zinni.

Colleague Frank Colletta described Paul Trimboli and John Markovski as a "dynamic duo" in this paper last week and the praise wasn't misplaced.

But, there's a big difference in the League this year. Last year coach John Gardiner nursed young Markovski through his apprenticeship into the big time and no matter how much the fans howled for him, Markovski almost inevitably was held back until the last 20 minutes or so. And, very often, had such a big impact on the game that we got to calling him super-sub.

But Gardiner has been denied that luxury this season, and young Trimboli has been pitched straight in at the deep end, as it were.

There's a saying that if they are good enough they are old enough, but Trimboli, having by-passed his apprenticeship, is coming up against some hard men now, and he's going to find it's a far cry from the cloistered environment of the Institute of Sport.

Last Sunday the Juve fans were taunting Trimboli, who is of Italian parentage, with "you went to the wrong club" — and they could well be proved right.

Worrying

Brunswick Juventus won this bruising encounter and Zinni almost inevitably got his name on the score-sheet, but Lane didn't

IT'S IN THE NAME OF SOCCER

LES SHORROCK, a fair-weather man, looks at the contrasting styles of Soccer during the Easter weekend.

and that must be worrying Len McKendry a little, although he doesn't show it.

Lane is going through one of those horror patches that overcome strikers from time to time — just ask Charlie Egan about it — when the ball goes anywhere, hits the goalkeeper's legs or the post, anywhere in fact but into the net.

And, it was the same that Sunday. Lane bombed two chances that he used to score at Preston virtually with his eyes shut, but he'll come good.

The next day it seemed that summer was back again, well, after the morning shower, and Adelaide City's display matched the weather. I can't remember seeing a more scintillating display of teamwork in the National League for a very long time.

Before the game there were some long faces in the Adcity camp, as they contemplated the prospect of managing for the rest of the season without Neville Flounders, and the absence for about a month of 'jumping' Joe Mullen.

But, young Lemmy Vatsilas and Andy Toland did their team-

mates proud, and they fitted into this super ball-playing side with barely a hiccup.

It could be that Adelaide City is the most under-rated team in the country — ask Tom McKain!

I'll bet, after the rave notices this last week, he's wishing he could expunge that ASW headline, "champs to chumps for Adcity?"

Really, that game turned into a journalist's dream. Imagine the pre-match scenario.

On the one hand, there's Adelaide City, with even the Adelaide writers prophesying doom because the club had been unable to buy even one established player during the close season.

Frantic efforts had been made to sign Grant Lee after Sydney City's demise, but the deal fell through because Lee's fiancée didn't fancy living in Adelaide, (apparently Blacktown's O.K.), and Adcity found themselves in Melbourne without three first-team players to face the might of Melbourne's big spenders.

It was the classic David

v Goliath encounter.

Just to refresh your memory, Croatia this year has bought Robbie Dunn, Alan Davidson, Allan Scott, Tony Lemezzina, Jim McLean, Ian Wallace, Willie Herd, Andy Humble and would have had Graham Heys available had the NSL office been open over the weekend.



Alan Davidson

In the event, it was the classic case of a star team beating a team of stars, and all that remains to be said is thanks for the memory, lads, the thought of Adcity's display will keep me going though some of the chilly weekends ahead.

As for Croatia's players, they should be ashamed to go up for

their wages on payday. The least they can do is to donate them to some worthwhile charity, like the Children's Hospital.

The vast contrast between the two games wasn't confined to the playing side, either.

The refereeing has to be taken into account. We have always accepted that the three best referees in the country are Stuart Mellings, Chris Bambridge and Don Campbell, not necessarily in that order may I hastily add.

And, I heartily endorse the new policy of neutral referees for interstate games. But, as far as Melbourne is concerned, the policy has back-fired on us.

Now, it seems, we are never going to see Mellings and Bambridge in action, and Don Campbell only rarely.

So we are down to the third division as far as refereeing is concerned, that's how big a gap there is between the FIFA refs and the rest.

Referees can make or break games, as the fellow on Easter Sunday so convincingly demonstrated. How he's still on the senior list after some of the disasters I've seen him engineer is completely beyond my comprehension.

BEACH FASHION CUP SOUTH MELBOURNE IN SEMI-FINALS

SOUTH Melbourne Hellas shrugged aside a courageous challenge from Preston Macedonia to power its way into the Beach Fashions Cup semi-finals at Olympic Park last Wednesday night.

BY GREG BLAKE

They defeated an under-strength Preston 2-0 in the first of the cup quarter finals for 1987.

The finesse of mighty South Melbourne looked to be too much for Preston from the outset and goals on either side of half-time by Danny Wright and Angie Postecoglou powered Hellas into the last four.

But it was to Macedonia's credit that their vastly under-manned outfit took the game up to the Middle Park aristocrats.

Preston rode the luck of the brave for an hour but a tragic goalkeeping error from Phil Triainides and the loss of sweeper Ian Dobson with injury cost the underdogs dearly.

Hellas were holding a tenuous 1-0 lead under 17

easily into a fluent and effective Hellas unit.

Opportunity

Danny Wright had a great chance to put Hellas ahead in the opening minutes but planted a shot too close to Triainides and the keeper saw the ball rebound off his legs.

Twenty minutes later Wright made amends when he finished off a great move with a super run and headed goal as he met Postecoglou's cross after the latter was sent clear down the left by

Danny Crainie.

Like a groggy champion Makedonia refused



DANNY CRAINIE

minutes into the second half of the tie when Postecoglou latched onto a loose ball and cracked a shot at Triainides from 15 metres.

The keeper got down well to reach the ball as it skidded toward the near post but he inexplicably let it roll into the net after having both hands to the shot.

Three minutes later Dobson limped off to leave Makedonia stranded.

"In the second half we gave the ball away too much and they really put some pressure on us", conceded Hellas boss Brian Garvey after the game.

But the reality of the situation was that Hellas was simply too talented and in the end the game was a bit of a stroll.

It was style and elegance against Preston's character and courage and Hellas even afforded itself an experiment or two.

Richard Miranda came in as sweeper to replace Gary McDowell, who was rested after a minor foot injury, and Kenny Murphy came in for his first full game of the season.

Both players blended

to be knocked to the canvas under pressure and it came out fighting after the half time rest.

Ron Campbell cleared from his own line from a Paul Wade shot early in the half but Preston started to carve out its own chances with a Steve Smith shot saved point-blank by Peter Laumets and a John Stewart header slewing inches wide.

But as an upset seemed in the offering fate dealt its cruel hand to Preston as it conceded a second goal and Dobson limped dejectedly from the park.

"I thought it was a courageous effort", Preston coach Bill Murray said after the game.

"Maybe if we'd taken the chances we'd made it might have made a difference."

"Yes, we are under-manned and it's a problem."

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumets, Russell, Postecoglou, Blair, Wade, Crainie, Miranda, Egan, Wright, Murphy, Halford.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Triainides, Opasinis, Brian (Jolevski 46), Jackson, Dobson (Piculovski 65), McLennan, Illoski, Campbell, Stewart, Smith, Gojevic.
Referee: C. Bambridge Crowd: 3000.



SCOTT PATTERSON of Brunswick Juventus and former 'Zebra' ANDREW ZINNI now of South Melbourne exchange 'blows'. Wonder how the back of the leg and the jaw are feeling?

— Photo by LES SHORROCK.

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SAINTS' CALETA, PETKOVSKI TARGET IN ON MARCONI

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

THE Saints and APIA-Leichhardt continued on their winning way at the weekend to hold joint leadership in the Northern League.

The co-leaders have opened up a three point gap at the top as neither Croatia or Olympic played at the weekend. Melita moved into the five with a solid 3-2 away win over the improving Canterbury.

Marconi on the other hand have slipped back in recent matches. After losing to Canterbury last week they again went down on Friday to a rampant St George 4-0.

Manly picked up their second win on the trot and move away from the cellar with a good 4-1 win over Warrigah. Sutherland were not so lucky, going down to a last winner to leaders APIA at Lambert Park.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 CROATIA 2

On Easter Monday those two sides aiming at the top played out a crackerjack match which saw Croatia twice fight back only to lose their 100% record to a last minute winner.

Olympic took the lead in the 10th minute through Jim Mellissourgos who drove home an Andy Zervas cross from 12 metres.

The score remained at 1-0 until the break due mainly to the superb keeping by the two custodians Greg Woodhouse and Bill Londos.

Four minutes after the interval Tony Krslovic drew Croatia level when he cut into the box and unleashed a low drive that gave Londos no chance.

Olympic's general, Steve Chilas fired his side back into the lead in the 66th minute. After drawing two defenders his shot was saved by Woodhouse but the midfielder made no mistake with the rebound.

Adrian Ciscato fastened onto a partial clearance and seemed to have pulled the game from the fire for Croatia with a strong drive 8 minutes from time but in the final minute Rafenes collected a loose past 8 metres out and his shot was deflected in off a defender for the winner.

OLYMPIC: Londos, Pliatsikas, Mellissourgos, Plataniotis, Svinos, Genaris, Oustambasidis, Zervas, Bennett (Adamou), Chilas, Rafenes.

CROATIA: Woodhouse, McLean, Orlic (Sekulic), Stipic, Janson, Grubis, Kardum (Voloder), Cerro, Krslovic, Ciscato, Tomic.

ST GEORGE 4 MARCONI 0

It was a successful Friday evening for the Saints as the Youth side demolished the Marconi side by the tune of 4-0 and the first team went on to register their first win of the season.

However convincing

the win, the Saints were kept scoreless for the first period as Zoran Ilic and Paul Taleki squandered easy chances. Ilic was the worst offender on at least three occasions he tried to round the experienced and underrated Paul Jones, the Marconi keeper, only to be foiled at the final hurdle.

However the second period brought two tactical changes Joe Caleta and Peter Petkovski came on and between them netted three goals and bagged the points for the Saints.

Two minutes into the half St George went ahead through Caleta who scored with a low shot from 10 metres.

A mistake by defender Simon Crane was punished by Caleta in the 57th minute and St George went 2-0 ahead.

Petkovski scored from a rebound in the 72nd minute and a bending free kick from Alan Pottier nine minutes from time kept the Saints equal top.

ST GEORGE: Bouhoutsos (Filan), Harmat, McEvoy (Caleta), Naumovski, Rodopoulos, Pottier, Ilic, Drossos (Petkovski), Talevski, Dinoudis.

Best Players: Steve Dinoudis, Robert Harmat, Zoran Ilic.

MARCONI: Jones, Cortes, Rizotto, Crene, Budwee, Surjan, Curko, Carbone, Russo, Lingotti, Agiasotis (Otraga).

In other matches Melita looked set for a convincing win after going ahead 2-0 at Arlington

Oval. The Eagles' two 15yr olds grabbed the goals Greg Dickinson and Paul Rago.

The Berries hit back, drawing level with goals from Perry Giannopoulos and Steve Karavatsis before Melita's top scorer Steve Klinkacovski netted the winner.

Best Players: Melita, Darren Bath, Paul Rago, Darren Pratt.

CANTERBURY: George Giannopoulos, Joe Bills, Nick Georgopoulos.

Manly also continued their good form of late. Early goals from Steve Wassell and Brad Glassock set the Seaside on their way against neighbours Warrigah.

Warrigah hit back through John Dann in the 27th minute but a second half goal from Roger Greaves and an own goal from Gary Simpson was enough for Manly to take the points.

WARRIGAH: Bowman, Listorti (Pupo), Landini, Cirino, Arcuri, Simpson, Gray (Agostino), Bruzzano, Russo, Dann, Graziani.

Best Players: Sandro Landini, Pepe Arcuri, Eddie Listorti.

MANLY: Van Leguwen, Reeves, Thomas, Vale, Butcher, Glassock, Greaves, Ure, Wills, England Wassell.

Best Players: Roger Greaves, Andrew Thomas, Gordon Reeves.

APIA clung to the top place by the skin of their teeth against a resilient Sutherland defence.

Although the Shire were lacking in midfield and up front their defence held firm until the last minute when the experience of Vic Bozanic was good enough to get the Strikers off the hook. Keeper Andrew Simpson failed to hold a long shot and Bozanic was on hand to tuck away the rebound.

APIA: Greedy, Ancora, Bozanic, Vakirstis, Brady, Zullo (Neatice), Masi, Foudnas, Dounis (Nadice), Parison, Pisano.

SUTHERLAND: Simpson, Carroll, Ashman, Long, Ensor, Burnell, Giovenco, Barr, Perkovic (Fielding), Clarke, Mellier.

RESULTS ST GEORGE 4 (Caleta

2, Petkovski, Pottier) MARCONI 0 MELITA 3 (Dickinson, Rago, Klinkacovski) CANTERBURY 2 (P. Giannopoulos, Karavatsis). MANLY 4 (Wassell, Glassock, Greaves, og. Simpson) WARRIGAH 1 (Dann) APIA 1 (Bozanic) SUTHERLAND 0

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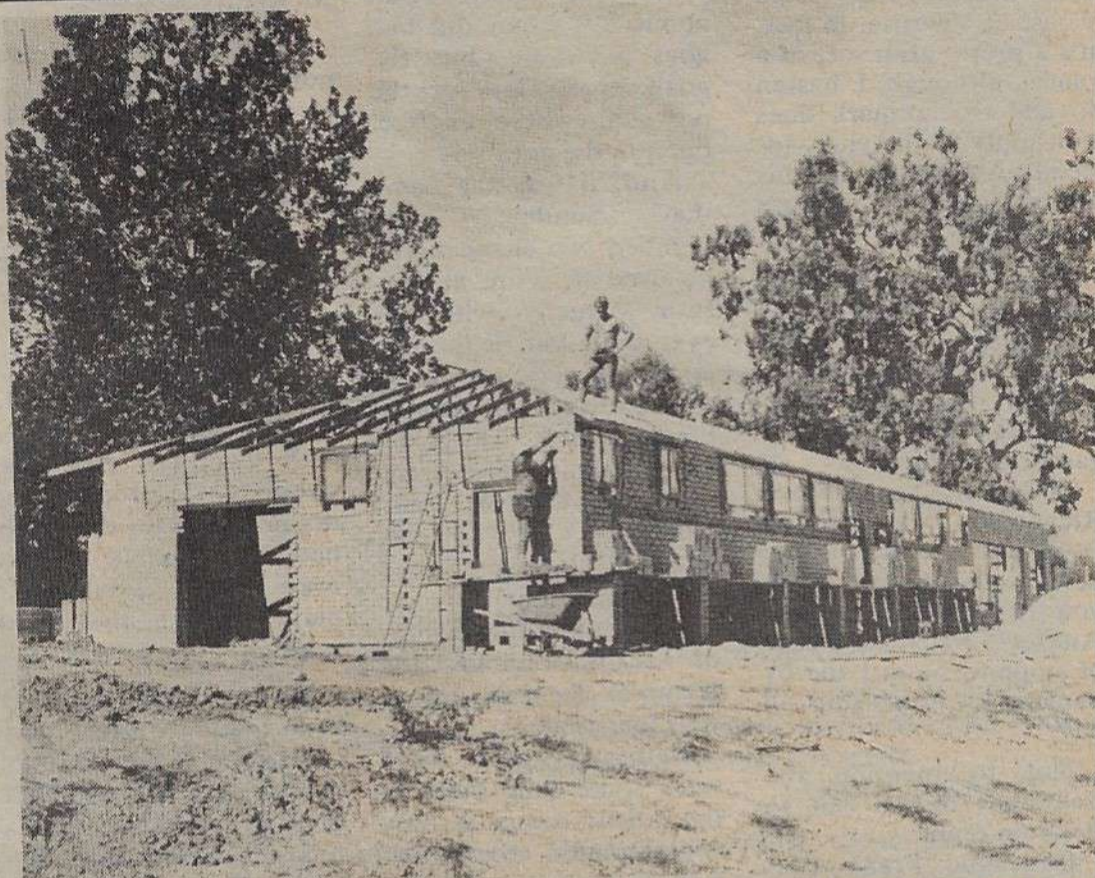
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5 Steve Klinkacovski Melita
5 Tony Parison APIA

5 Lou Dounis APIA Stadium 12.15pm, Manly v Canterbury, Cromer Park 10.40am, Melita Eagles v St George, Melita Stadium 10.40pm, Marconi v APIA, Marconi Stadium 12.15pm.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE NORTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
APIA	5	4	1	0	20	2	9
St George	5	4	1	0	19	4	9
Croatia	4	3	0	1	20	7	6
Olympic	3	3	0	0	11	3	6
Melita	4	3	0	1	9	8	6
Marconi	5	2	0	3	10	11	4
Manly	4	2	0	2	9	13	4
Sutherland	4	1	0	3	5	10	2
Canterbury	5	1	0	4	4	16	2
Uruguay	4	0	0	4	2	13	0
Warrigah	5	0	0	5	3	25	0

NEW CLUBHOUSE AT WODONGA



WODONGA Diamonds Soccer Club will have the biggest and most modern club house in the border district.

The 258sq metre brick building — costing \$120,000 — will be the pride and joy, not only for the club, but all of the 1200 players and 6000 Soccer fans.

The club president, Cobb Millinn said the club house will have two change rooms, toilets, a special room for referees, a function room, store room, and a canteen.

The building should be completed in eight months time.

Special features will be landscaping which will be done by club members and new faces.

A third pitch will be built also by members.

Local members, mayors from both sides of the border and Soccer officials will attend the opening ceremony.

— FRANK FINLAY

STATE BANK SOCCER LEAGUE

	1st	2nd
Newcastle Rosebud v Sutherland Shire	2-4	0-5
Canberra City v Ku-ring-gai	1-1	0-1
Cant. M'ville Oly. v Inter Monaro	5-0	3-1
Blacktown City v Manly Warrigah	7-1	3-1
Wollongong Mac. v Uruguayan Penrith	1-5	1-1
Rockdale Ilinden v Melita Eagles	1-1	3-4
Warrigah F/Water v Wollongong City	1-3	2-1

STATE LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Nth Syd. Artamon v Campbelltown City	4-0	1-2	1-11
Sydney Maccabi v Bathurst '75	3-1	0-4	not avail
Nth Bankstown v Kingsford Hellenic	1-1	1-8	1-1
Polonia v Queens Park	4-0	2-2	0-3
Fairly Meadow v Dee Why Swans	4-1	1-2	0-1
SSC Yugal v Blacktown United	1-1	3-1	2-0
Gladesville Hvy v Avala	1-1	2-1	0-4

STATE LEAGUE THIRD DIVISION

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mt Druitt Town v Uni. of NSW	1-1	3-3	1-0
Moorebank L'pool v King Tomislav	3-4	1-3	0-1
Campbelltown Gun. v North Ryde RSL	1-1	2-0	2-0
West United v Baulkham Hills	2-1	2-0	0-1
Port Hacking v Concordia	1-0	0-1	3-2
Rooty Hill v Bondi Marine	1-2	3-1	2-3
Granville Chile v Canterbury	9-0	8-0	4-0

INTER URBAN 1ST DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Sydney Uni v Chelsea	0-0	1-2
Eastwood S/A v Nineveh Eagles	0-3	3-2
Fairfield Kiev v Hawkesbury Dist.	3-2	2-2
Rosebery Port v Padstow Park	2-2	8-0
Pagewood Botany v West St George	3-1	1-1
Dulwich Hill v Spanish Club	1-1	2-0

INTER URBAN 2ND DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Concord Jnrs v Welcome Sports	1-0	0-0
Maroubra United v Chile Sports	3-2	5-0
Greenisland v Rangers Hajduk	4-1	0-1
Macquarie Uni v Wenty Waratah	3-0	3-2
Liverpool City v Haberfield Peru	1-0	3-0
Trasandinos Sports v C.S.I. Schofields	2-1	1-0

INTER URBAN 3RD DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Crescent Star v Cyprus United	6-2	2-4
Abruzzi v Argentinian Ltd.	3-1	0-1
Lithgow Workmens v Macedonia Yagoona	1-2	0-1
Murray Farm v Castle Hill	1-1	3-0

Petersham Lus. v S.S.C. Zagreb	1-0	3-2
Macedonia Yagoona v Cyprus United	2-1	3-0
Lansvale United v Blacktown Wands	1-3	2-2
Argentinian Ltd. v Lithgow Workmens	3-2	2-1

INTER URBAN 4TH DIVISION

	1st	2nd
Liverpool Oly. v Greystanes	4-4	3-5
Chullora v Arncliffe RSL	1-5	2-3
Cobrolo v Lebanon	0-6	4-3
Alexander v Orange Waratah	3-1	0-2
Lebanon v Greystanes	10-2	0-5
Assyrian v Hellas	0-3	1-3
Prospect United v Mt Pritchard	4-3	2-3

STATE LEAGUE DIV 1 GR 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	7	6	1	0	22	6	13
Uruguayan Penrith	7	6	1	0	10	4	13
Warrigah F/Water	7	5	1	1	19	10	11
Melita Eagles	7	5	0	2	29	8	11
Ku-Ring-Gai	7	5	0	2	11	5	10
Sutherland	7	4	1	2	21	13	9
W'gong Macedonia	7	4	1	2	7	8	9
Manly Warrigah	7	2	1	4	5	10	5
Wollongong City	7	2	0	5	8	15	4
Canterbury M'ville	7	2	0	5	8	15	4
Canberra Griffin	7	2	0	5	10	21	4
Rockdale Ilinden	7	1	0	6	10	15	2
Newcastle R'buds	7	1	0	6	5	22	2
Inter Monaro	7	0	1	6	4	23	1

QUEENSLAND XXXX LEAGUE

North Star 3 Redlands
United 3, Azzurri Brisbane City 8 Rockdale Rovers 3, Ipswich United 4 Brisbane Lions 2, Coal-

stars 0 Olympic United 0, Mt Gravatt 5 Taringa 2, Easts v Grange Thistles Monday night.

EVERTON STILL TOPS

DESPITE the 3-1 loss

to Liverpool, Everton remains on track to win the English League.

With only four games to go, Everton has a three point margin, a match in hand and a superior goal difference.

The house full sign went up at Anfield and goals rained in from Steve McMahon, with Ian Rush collecting a brace, with Kevin Sheedy replying for the losers.

Tottenham, in third position, beat Oxford 3-1, but fourth-placed Arsenal slumped to a 3-0 loss to last team Manchester City.

Victoria

STATE LEAGUE

Northcote 1 Morwell Falcons 3, Oakleigh 3 Polonia 1, St. Albans Dinamo 0 Institute of Sport 1, Springvale 1 Thomastown 2, Green Gully 2 Frankston Pines 1, Fawkes 2 Caulfield 0, Broadmeadows 1 Western Suburbs 2, Croydon 0 Box Hill 2.

VIC ONE

Altona Gate 5 Knox City 1, Doncaster Rovers 1 Bulleen 2, Essendon City 2 Sunbury Utd 0, Nunawading City 1 Albion Turk Gucu 1, Melbourne Hungaria 1 North Dandenong 2, Ringwood City 5 SM-Mordialloc 0, Richmond 0 Werribee 0.

VIC TWO

Meadow Park 2 Northern Utd 3, Mitcham Utd 1 Lalor 2, Parkmore 1 Burwood Utd 2, Port Utd 4 Uni. of Melbourne 0, Richmond Utd 1 Springvale Condors 2, South Springvale 1 Waverley Utd 5, St. Kilda 1 Ringwood Rovers 2.

PROV FOUR

Altona City 1 Waverley City 2, Clifton Hill 0 Hamlyn Rangers 1, Doveton 3 North Geelong 1, Eltham 0 Ringwood United 4, Mooroolbark 3 Prahran Celtic 2, Mornington 0 Sandringham 3, Westgate 2 Dandenong City 0.

VIC THREE

Clarinda 0 West Brunswick 0, Corio-Geelong United 4 Springvale United 1, Geelong 1 Yarraville 0, Moorabbin City 3 Bell Park 1, Moreland Park Rangers 3 Keilor 4, Port Melbourne 3 Ferntree Gully 1, Rosanna 0 Yallourn 0.

VIC FOUR

Coburg 1 Boronia 0, Diamond Valley 2 East Brunswick 0, Hawthorn 3 Karingal United 2, Holland Park 1 Pascoe Vale 1, Keysborough 3 Williamstown 2, Lalor Utd 0 Seaford 1, Langwarrin 1 Prahran 0.

PROV ONE

Central City 2 Ballarat 1, Chelsea 4 Brighton 2, Clayton 2 Ardeer 4, East Geelong 1 Melton 2, East Preston 1 North Sunshine 1, Greensborough 0 Malvern City 0, Ivanhoe City 0 Regent 1.

PROV TWO

Brunswick City 5 Wantirna 1, Cranbourne 1 Berwick City 1, Dingley Utd 2 Forrest Hill 1, Glenroy 1 Batman Utd 2, Monash University 1 West Meadows 5, Monbulk 0 Ascot Vale 0, Mossfield Rangers 2 South Yarra 1.

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difficulties, other Victorian League Provisional League tables will be published next week.

The CHIT CHAT Page

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ANTE RUMORA (left) of Sydney Croatia takes on SPYROS HANTZIS of Sydney Olympic during their recent National League clash. Both players have proved to be top performers for their team. Hantzis especially has been in fine form for the poorly-performed Olympic since moving from Canterbury Marrickville in the off-season.

ON Friday night at the Croatian Soccer Club at Punchbowl (corner Canterbury and Punchbowl Rds, Punchbowl) the opportunity will be there to bid farewell in a Soccer sense to long-serving NSW Federation secretary Aulden Brown. Many old friends will gather, and there is still time to book in for the Testimonial Dinner.

Just dial the NSW Soccer Federation on 629 1800 and they will be glad to make provision for you on this great occasion.

FOR those interested in trivia.

Did you notice the top five teams in the West End National League after the fourth round.

Top was Sydney Croatia followed by Apia, Marconi, Melbourne Juventus and Adelaide City — all backed by the Italian communities in their respective States.

THE SA Sate League players who knocked back offers to join Adelaide City because there was no guarantee of a permanent place in the national league side, must now be kicking themselves.

With five men injured at the one hit at one stage coach Zoran Matic would have used any of the players he had approached.



ALEX BUNDALO escapes from the clutches of Marconi players during last years derby match at Lambert Park.

Bundalo is unhappy with the circumstances at APIA and wants a transfer.

"He'll get one at \$100,000," says coach Rale Rasic, who recently dropped him.

OUR Newcastle correspondent **BILL TURNER** has done wonders for school football in NSW and Australia over the years. Bill was a top referee, a boxer in his youth and a great man for music generally and has a trained voice. He is in the music department at the Booragul High School. On page 20 he enters a new area with his story on girls' Commonwealth Bank Shield at Singleton, complete with sheep as lawn mowers — and even cow dung hazards!

ANOTHER Crook is starring in SA.

He is Barry, younger brother of former Soccereroo goalkeeper Martyn.

But unlike the latter, Barry is a striker, and shattered the Para Hills individual scoring record for a State League game by netting five in a recent 6-0 win over Lion.

So far he has not been approached for the national league, but it may not be long.

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FRASER GETS DOWN TO PLAYING BALL!

NO one can tell SCOTT FRASER of Heidelberg United that life in Australian Soccer is easy.

BY FRANK COLETTA

In just four weeks the Scottish midfielder has been involved in two well-publicised wrangles and now that they have seemingly gone by the wayside. All Fraser wants is a successful and trouble free year with the Alexander club.

After a four-month saga between his former club Green Gully and the Bergers it was finally resolved on April 3 that the former Glasgow Rangers player would join John Margaritis' side for \$8,000.

The move to release Fraser for that figure came after a concerted effort by the NSL club and with other clubs also courting the player.

It was only when Gully's Victorian State League title chasing team began to take shape that he was given the green light to go.

At Heidelberg, coach John Margaritis made it his top priority to trim the squad which had been one of the problems of the club's failures recently and when one of the three visa spots were open he made sure of snapping up Fraser.

But now comes phase two of Fraser's problems. When the club met Footscray in the second

round of the NSL and beat them quite comfortably 3-0. However the management at J.U.S.T. protested to the National League that the Bergers had one more visa player on their books than they were entitled to.

The claim is still alive and smouldering and the Bergers are not out of the woods yet. Footscray pointed to their opponents fielding four visa players — one more than the regulations allow.

The others at the time were: ANDY DEELEY, the Kiwi international, LAWRIE MCKINNA and PAUL LANGSBURY. Langsbury has now in fact been released on a free transfer to Victorian State, League club Oakleigh.

In addition there are allegations that Fraser's documentation from Green Gully was in fact incomplete. He was stood down for the next match.

Fraser has preferred to steer clear of all of the goings on and concentrate on playing. "I've been impressed so far by the thoroughness of Margaritis. He talks to every player and tells them exactly what he wants and everyone responds accordingly," he says.

"Heidelberg is an ambitious club with ambitious supporters so the start we made is a little disappointing to all but we just have to press on.

"There is certainly no shortage of talent here. Jeff Olver is outstanding — he gives 100 percent every week and is dedicated and experienced.

"We've got a strong defence with Alan Hunter and Theo Selemidis and up front there's some skill too. I used to play against Lawrie McKinna back in Scotland when he was with Kilmarnock.

"Another of the forwards I like is Peter Tsolakakis. He's a very tricky,

very quick customer."

Fraser was the targets of many clubs when he first arrived in Australia in March 1986 but Gully were quickest off the mark. Both Brisbane City and West Adelaide did in fact approach him.

He started with Rangers in Scotland when he was 20, following two years as a junior with Haddington Athletic. During his stay there he met up with Soccerroo David Mitchell.

"I can see why his Australian friends like him so much — both on and off the pitch. We had a few big nights out after games I guess," he ended.

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Frank must be congratulated on his efforts in working for the club — the magazine he produces at the offices of ASW — 'Intermezzo', is of top quality.

MARCONI WINNERS

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MANOUVRES OVER CHRIS MANOU

WEST Adelaide midfielder Chris Manou is planning a move to Victoria.

CON NIKOLOPOULOS

The giant midfielder turned up in Melbourne last week and has become the focal point for many NSL clubs.

Heidelberg United appear to be the main contenders for his services, in spite of the renewed interest in Manou of Adelaide City, following the loss of Neville Flounders, Joe Mullen and Paul Wild through injury.

Manou has trained with Heidelberg and according to reliable sources an offer has been made to West Adelaide for his release.

The player fell out with West Adelaide after he refused to join a State League team and the committee threatened to impede his move to another club.

It is believed that Manou's contract, expiring at the end of the season stipulates a maximum fee of \$12,000, which Heidelberg are willing to pay in a desperate move to strengthen their midfield.

If an agreement is reached, Heidelberg are willing to settle the transfer immediately.

CHILE'S CASZELY IN AUSTRALIA



CARLOS CASZELY pictured with Northcote City's Juan Toro at the game.

WORLD famed Chilean footballer Carlos Caszely was the darling of 2,000 fans when he played in the Chilean Combination's 5-2 win over Northcote City in Melbourne.

The friendly game was arranged to display Caszely's arts. He did not let the crowd down, and laid on three of the five goals without scoring himself.

At his peak Caszely played for the Rest of the World. In Chile he was a national team fixture, and on the club scene he was the Colo Colo hero.

In Spain he started with both Levante and Espanol.

But back in Chile he

headed the scoring charts for three years running.

His visit to Australia was sponsored by two Melbourne Soccer clubs, Chilean Club and Gabrilla Mistra.

In addition to playing, Caszely gave a number of interesting lectures on the game.

Many Sydney fans are hoping that local South American clubs will bring him up to the Premier State for guest appearances.

— JASON STEVENS

PROMOTERS ONLY WANT OVERSEAS TEAMS FOR 1988 TOURNAMENT

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

BY TOM MCKAIN

THE Socceroos may be left out in the cold by the Westay Group next year, when it hopes to bring in four overseas teams to play in a series similar to the one due to kick off here at the end of May.

Word from the group's Perth director, Brian Haffenden, is that if the tournament between England's Manchester United and Nottingham Forest plus Scotland's Celtic is a success, four teams could be involved next year.

But he made no mention of the Socceroos.

"At the moment we are looking at four overseas teams," he said.

"It was unfortunate about the Socceroos this time, and perhaps the situation will be different in 1988."

He would not elaborate, but it is understood problems arose when Westay discovered that the TV rights to the Socceroos were held by SBS TV and Westay could not sell games to commercial stations.

There have also been claims that the organisers were upset when it was decided to field an Australian B team for the latter half of the current series, while the senior

side was in Korea for the President's Cup.

"I don't want to go into details," said Mr Haffenden.

"Just let's say it was unfortunate."

Forest Opens

Forest will play Celtic in Adelaide on May 29 and United the following night (Saturday) then the trio will move on to Perth for the finals.

It is hard to understand why games were not offered to Melbourne and Sydney which had a earlier accepted matches when the Socceroos were involved.

However, the organisers will certainly save money playing in only two centres, which cuts down air travel, one of the expenses which helped kill previous tours financially.

While Adelaide fans will have the chance to see three top teams, a

successful series could backfire on them.

Next time round the promoters may decide to play in the bigger crowd-drawing cities of Melbourne and Sydney and give Adelaide a miss.

They are taking a punt expecting spectators to pay top money two nights straight, and while bookings for the Celtic-United match have been heavy, Forest is not proving a drawing card.

But then there may be no series in 1988, as that is the year of the Gold Cup in Australia, and any games played must be given the seal of approval from the Australian Soccer Federation.

At one stage the ASF

decided to withdraw permission for the Westay series, and approach Westay's English arm PRO covering the Socceroos to play two games against Celtic between May 25 and 28.

According to ASF secretary, Mr Brian Emery, this decision was reversed when new proposals were put by Westay after SA had said three games were too many for Adelaide in the one week.

This proposal was put after the Socceroos had been dropped from the series.

It now appears to be well and truly off the ground, but the final test will be at the gates on May 29 and 30.

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OLYMPIC MUST BEAT OLVER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, who are still looking for their first victory, must beat Heidelberg's outstanding international goalkeeper, Jeff Olver to gain any joy next Sunday at the St George Stadium.

The magnificent Olver two weeks ago, virtually blocked Marconi out with several superb saves before Frank Farina finally nailed a winner.

In fact on Sunday at the St George Stadium, the NSL's two best in-form goalkeepers will be on display.

Gary Meier, Sydney Olympic's giant, vastly underrated custodian, has been in super form this year.

Meier, serving his 17th year with the "blue and whites" joins Apia's long-serving veteran, Terry Butler as the NSL's longest serving clubman.

Another danger awaiting Olympic, is Heidelberg's midfield ball distributor, Claude Lucchesi.

Lucchesi's vast experience will be called upon by coach John Margaritis to drive the young Heidelbergers forward.

Sydney Olympic's new boss, Eddie Thomson, who kicked off with a 2 all draw last Sunday against 1987 champions Adelaide City, will be looking to build on this solid start and bring his club their first victory this season.

In fact, Thomson almost did this last Sunday in Adelaide.

After Olympic fell behind a goal, deadly striker John Kosmina catapulted his side to a 1-2 lead before Villani's goal split the League points.

The champion NSL coach, in seven years coaching Sydney City, won the championship five times. In 1983, he "crashed" to second spot behind St George.

Thomson can hardly wait the return of Olympic's midfield tackling machine, Gary Phillips. Phillips will miss Sunday's match again through injury but is expected back into training in two weeks.

The Olympic midfield badly needs stiffening with the inclusion of a ball-winner.

But as Thomson stated "Rome wasn't built in a day".

Thomson can only bring a very badly needed stability into the club which easily can be said is the toughest to manage in the entire League.

Young players of the likes of Robbie Hooker, Emmanuel Spanoudakis, Chris Kalantzis, Spyros Hantzis, Terry Patalis, Abas Saad etc, will improve dramatically under Thomson's razor-sharp supervision.



JOHN KOSMINA

Catlin in, Jones pressing, after . . .

LAY OFF, BUT DETERMINATION BY MARCONI'S BRUCE JAMES

BY FRANK SCICLUNA

HISTORY has a very strange habit of repeating itself and Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James is one player who is learning that fact of life the hard way.

Having come through the long pre-season preparation with a side that was freely being tipped for honours, James was looking forward to a successful 1987 campaign.

A shoulder injury that turned out to be more serious than first suspected may mean an operation and a possible long layoff from the game.

With new signing Bob Catlin grabbing the unexpected opportunity between the posts, James is facing a hard battle to regain his place in the team.

This is not a new situation for the experienced keeper as he was up against precisely the same challenge two years ago.

A broken thumb in the opening match of the 1985 season against Croatia forced Marconi to hurriedly sign Alex McPherson from Melita Eagles.

McPherson did not put

a foot wrong all through the year and it took James until the end of season playoffs to once again return to the starting line up.

That was a most frustrating period as his form with the youth team was back to its best but McPherson was showing a lot of consistency and deserved his place in the side.

James came back to regain the number one position and in fact was never out of the team last year however, this latest injury could see a repetition of his previous experience during 1985.

Objective

James is well aware of the tough task ahead of him and his first objective is to get back to full fitness.

"If the shoulder needs to be operated on I want to get it done as soon as possible. I'll worry about getting back in the side when I'm ready to play again," James said, while waiting for results that will determine the need for surgery.

"It's been six weeks since I picked up the injury in a pre-season game against St George.

"I now realise that I should have had it looked

at then, but initially it only appeared to be a minor knock.

"Catlin has taken his chance very well but there's nothing I can do until my shoulder is right

again. "When it is I intend to make it difficult for Roberto to choose between Catlin and myself," a determined James promised.

Vieri meanwhile is more than pleased with the form shown by his new keeper, but is anxious to have James back in training.

Having Catlin, James and young Paul Jones vying for the number one position can only be healthy.

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BACK CHAT

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BIG news for those integral parts of a Soccer side — the goalkeepers.

Kicking-off the week was the news that Clint Gosling had approached the Marconi club in an effort to join them but was told by president Tony Labbozzetta that he couldn't justify signing him.

The club already has three keepers on their books — namely Bob Catlin, Bruce James and Paul Jones and it seemed the Kiwi international would be sitting on the sidelines for a while yet.

Not so... late last week State League club Melita Eagles stepped in with a bid for the talented gloveman and he played his first game on Sunday in the 1-all draw with Rockdale.

One keeper who is sitting it out, though, is former Socceroo Terry Greedy. It is hard to fathom as to how one of the top three keepers and until last year the number one in Australia is not playing at the top notch every week.

It happened last year with St. George and the difference when he stepped back into that team was beyond comprehension and it is happening once more at APIA, although in fairness to Tony Pezzano, he has taken his chance and not let go.

Surely Greedy is too good a customer to be watching from the stands every time the whistle blows at 2.30pm. Right?

FAIR bit of controversy going on during this week I venture to say. Alex Bundalo asking for a transfer from APIA and coach Rale Basic retorting with a fee of \$100,000 over his head; Eddie Thomson finally taking over the reins at Sydney Olympic and getting a creditable start and now we here that the previously mentioned Terry Greedy has spoken out against a former protege and contender for the Australian shirt — Anthony Franken.

It's a curious situation because Terry has always been somewhat of a fan of Franken and claimed last year that the youngster was his heir apparent. But on the weekend in an interview on SBS TV 'Greeds' claimed that the Sydney Croatia keeper had become "too flash".

I've seen Franken on just about every occasion Croatia has gone around this year and I don't think he is showing off for want of a better word, spectacular yes, flashy no.

IT's time for the NSL picks once more and MARCONI will beat FOOTSCRAY at home, PRESTON entertain SAINTS down at Connor Reserve and the revival for the Sydneysiders should continue with a draw. A great battle is brewing when SOUTH MELBOURNE play BRUNSWICK and a draw is likely.

Another beauty is going to take place when MELBOURNE CROATIA take on APIA who might just steer clear of their first defeat with a draw, but they'll struggle for the point.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, showing new life under Eddie Thomson will beat HEIDELBERG even though Jeff Olver is having a great time in goal and finally SUNSHINE will have their sunny dispositions stunted when ADELAIDE CITY, full of talent take both points.

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AS I reported recently, our centres of excellence got off the ground, starting at Sutherland.

Other areas which will be on the go in the next few weeks are St George, Nepean, Riverina, and Western Regions.

It is hoped eventually to have a dozen centres in the metropolitan area.

So it was interesting to see this following article from England, where Bobby Robson is launching over 1000 centres.

THE FA SCHEME

TEAM managers and parents of young players who over-emphasise the will to win have been blamed by England manager Bobby Robson for many of the game's ills.

Robson was speaking during the launch by the Football Association of a nationwide football coaching programme.

In a campaign to establish a thousand

coaching centres for the 8 to 14 age group — which the FA have described as the most visionary initiative they have undertaken — it is hoped that the right kind of interest in the game will be developed at the earliest possible age.

The objects of the FA's programme, which is sponsored by General Motors, are to raise the level of individual skills, make a positive contribution to the battle against hooliganism, and to provide the opportunity for girls as well as boys to become involved in the game.

Youngsters attending the coaching centres, which will be staffed by qualified coaches, will be taught basic ball skills and how to enjoy the game at any level while respecting opponents and referees.

Robson said: "It seems to me that so many team managers do not understand the real meaning of competitiveness or the will to win. Being competitive and playing to win does not mean cheating, nor does it mean kicking opponents rather than the ball, or arguing with the referee."

"Unfortunately a large number of our youngsters are being influenced by very well-intentioned but, in a sense, misguided team managers. In some cases the criticism has to be extended to parents."

"Where I believe some team managers are misguided is their attitude to winning. We all want to

win and we must encourage youngsters to play to win. To have a really enjoyable contest it is necessary. There is, however, a price which is too high to pay. That price is when the prize becomes more important than the game itself."

Age

Concern was expressed that the age of eight was too young for coaching but Robson insisted that good coaching was beneficial at any age.

"You have to start somewhere. The kind of coaching eight year olds receive is very low key. They learn the basics and are encouraged to have fun and try any individual skills they wish. Only bad coaching ruins young players," he said.

The England manager offered five detailed areas of advice for team managers and though these were clearly directed at those in charge of young players they could be profitably studied by more senior colleagues.

1) Do not shout abuse at players or the referee. This is an indication that the manager has lost control.

2) All criticism and observation should be left until halftime, the end of the match or the next training session.

3) Any criticism should lead on to positive advice, namely 'do this' rather than 'don't do



BY ALAN VEST
NSW DIRECTOR
OF COACHING

that'.

4) In issuing criticism and instructions the calmer the manager the greater his influence. Managers (like teachers) who rant and rave are regarded as sources of free entertainment.

5) It is easier to retaliate than to walk away when an opponent has kicked you. It is tempting but not profitable to argue with the referee.

An impressive launch of the coaching course, staged at Aston Villa Sports and Leisure Centre, promoted the attendance of many leading figures from the FA, the Football League, the police and the schools. Mr Richard Tracey, the Minister for Sport, read a letter of enthusiastic support from the British Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Maxwell, Farina, Schaefer, Estavillo, Katantzis

COMPARISONS ON OUR AUSSIE STARS

MET up with NSW Director of Coaching and fellow ASW columnist, Alan Vest at the St George — Sydney Olympic game on Easter Monday.

Talking during the half-time break, we found ourselves in disagreement to a degree about Marconi striker Steve Maxwell.

I rate this young striker very highly.

Alan supports the view held by Johnny Warren that Steve is taking time to settle in at Marconi.

Before we come back to Steve Maxwell, let me say that a good Soccer player has to be skilful, fit and competitive.

These indeed, are the three basic requirements of all sportspeople.

If you are deficient in one of those areas you have to compensate by being extra efficient in the other two.

So far this season I have watched Steve Maxwell on television twice and at St George stadium in a night time game.

On each occasion I was very impressed by the quality and effectiveness of his skill.

Take his Easter game for Marconi against Heidelberg at Marconi Oval.

His flick back across

goal was a vital ingredient in the Frank Farina goal which won the game.

Additional to that, Steve produced brilliant dribbling to set up Frank again with a short pass inside the six yard box, which should have been a gift goal instead of an amazing miss.

Maxwell also set up another Marconi attacker, with a delicate header, giving a volleying chance close in on goal.

On two other occasions, the former Adelaide striker put players in with chances close to goal — the place where it really matters.

He was brought down from behind when set for a goal himself — for which the defender was sent off.

Rating

This is how I have found the pattern of Steve's play in the



STEVE MAXWELL... he is going places.

game I watched him. He has been highly skilful and very effective.

This is good to watch, but it is what comes at the end of it which counts.

Frank has scored two goals in the league this season, so has Steve. However, I have not



FRANK FARINA

seen Frank set up a chance in the three games I have watched Marconi.

He did shoot from an acute angle against Heidelberg when a pass inside would possibly have produced a goal.

Let us analyse Frank and Steve briefly using

the three criteria mentioned above.

Frank is obviously skilful, but because much of his skill is at high pace it is not so sure as is that of Steve.

Steve is nowhere near as quick as Frank, nevertheless he excels in

getting first to the ball, either with a toe or with his head, usually to direct the ball to a team-mate.

Maxwell's passes are immaculate in their weight and timing — a great skill possessed by his coach Roberto Vieri.

Frank Farina is improving in the air, though he still mainly gets his head to the ball rather than attacking it as does Maxwell.

Fitness wise, the Farina speed is a great weapon and feared by most players.

Stamina, speed, and strength are the main fitness qualities we look at with Soccer players.

I do not know about the relative stamina of either players, but to be sure Steve Maxwell is very strong, while Frank Farina is agile.

Frank has felt the competitive drive of Eddie Thomson. Steve looks a competitor.

Apart from themselves, probably coach Vieri is the only one who really knows how well they currently compete.

They should complement one another in their



BY MIKE JOHNSON

Ex First Division English footballer. Well known coach and author of Soccer Skills.

styles.

Manfred

Talking about skilful Soccer players, many people have said what an unskilful player was former national great, Manfred Schaefer.

Well Manny never scored many goals, but he had the skills needed to stop others scoring, or indeed even playing.

He was a great tight marker, wonderful at attacking balls in the air, safe under pressure.

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The Sydney Tornados would like to wish the Sydney Supersonics good luck for their basketball clash with Sydney Westars on Friday night at Homebush Stadium at 8pm.

SYDNEY TORNADOES

STATE LEAGUE

MARTINEZ, SMART, TOP IN INDOORS

HECTOR Martinez and Jason Smart, both playing for Parramatta Spartans Shields, were right on target when their team defeated the Spears 13-3 in the championship.

After three rounds Martinez led the scorers with seven goals, followed by Smart on six.

Revesby Bullets, with a game in hand, are well placed on four points, along with the Shields, Philips, Greenacre Tornados and Revesby Allstars.

Tornados, with Steve Knight playing well, downed Revesby Rebels 4-1.

NSW STATE INDOOR LEAGUE POINTS TABLE

P'matta Spartans S	3	2	-	1	20	10	10	4
Revesby Bullets	2	2	-	-	10	2	8	4
Philips	3	2	-	1	9	2	7	4
Greenacre Tornados	3	1	2	-	13	10	3	4
Revesby Allstars	2	2	-	-	5	3	2	4
Alec's Wreckers Two	2	1	1	-	5	2	3	3
Revesby Rebels	3	1	-	2	8	11	-3	2
Alec's Wreckers One	2	-	1	1	10	11	-1	1
Alkene	3	-	-	3	1	14	-13	0
P'matta Spartans Sp	3	-	-	3	5	21	-16	0

LEADING GOALSCORERS:

7 - H. Martinez (Shields)
6 - J. Smart (Shields)
4 - S. Knight (Tornados), Erkin Osman (Tornados), L. Perreira (Spears), F. Speranza (Philips), M. Bettoncelli (Alec 1), C. Ienco (Bullets), G. Valanidas (Bullets).



BACK: L to R: Craig Carlisle, Gill Tour, Rob Stuart, Elcan Osmar, Erkin Osman, Ben (manager).
FRONT: Craig Bass, Glen Jeffery, George Psaroudis, Scott Gilligan, Steve Knight, John Lembrak.

AUSSIE STARS!

MIKE JOHNSON
continues...

Additionally he was supremely fit and to cap it all a great, great competitor.

I saw another extremely fine player over the Easter break.

Name of Chris Kalantzis.

Fit, fast, powerful, exciting, unpredictable and hates to lose.



CHRIS KALANTZIS ...
brilliant but needs
Latin skills.

If Graham Arnold is the nation's best all round Soccer player, Kalantzis is the best attacker.

Since I saw him two years ago, he now has fine control as he receives the ball, jumps higher, heads better and dribbles better.

He oozes power.

Like Frank Farina, however, he also is not always sure in his heading, passing, crossing and shooting, some of it is done in a hurry.

Nevertheless he is an

outstanding player, a true entertainer, a player worth going to see just for him alone.

Comparison

Again, like Frank Farina, CHRIS seeks a lot of room to work, which causes him to operate on the flanks, where indeed he is very effective.

Nevertheless, I would like to see him in the box more often.

With the power, courage, leaping, heading and volleying ability he has, he should score goals there.

He is not the prolific scorer his talents suggest he should be.

Most goals in Soccer are scored within 10 yards of goal.

With this in mind he needs to be within 10 yards of goal in games more often.

Chris screens the ball well.

I would like to see him develop along with that, the close dribbling skills such as South American players possess — pulling the ball with the sole of the foot, through the legs, tight wall passes, all of which are effective in packed situations close to goal.

These are places where Steve Maxwell shines.

Chris should excel there.

Contradictions

In the St George v Sydney Olympic game, where one had the pleasure to watch Kalantzis, I also was able to see the return of Vincent Estavillo.

What inventive and intelligent manoeuvres he used to get out of trouble in tight situations in midfield.

What good vision and fine kicking and passing ability.

However, probably only the coaches in the crowd noticed how he failed to track down players he had been marking.

He allows those play-



MANNIE SCHAEFER

ers to go unmarked into dangerous attacking positions causing additional headaches for his fellow defenders.

So he is not over-endowed with stamina, it



VINCE ESTAVILLO

seems.

On the other hand he brims with midfield skills.

Not sufficient perhaps to compensate for his lack of running in his own country of Uruguay, but

sufficient to do so here.

Whilst having to indulge Estavillo in midfield because of his brilliant ability on the ball, Olympic cannot afford other midfield players to be standing around.

That used to be a problem when an overweight Peter Raskopulous was partnering Estavillo.

Then Rasko, downed his weight and upped his stamina and became a fine hard running midfielder late last year, which brought a late burst for Olympic that nearly brought off the championship.

In his comeback game versus St George, still tentative because of his back problem, Rasko did well, considering.

However, I watched him stand aside, with his defenders outnumbered, as a cross came in for St George.

Peter watched while Saints had three shots at goal in the flurry following that cross.

I was surprised that Peter could not see the danger of the situation and lend his support to his defenders.

With their problems scoring goals, Olympic cannot afford to have opponents floating about loose in such dangerous situations.

I watched Sydney Olympic play St George twice in a few days without a goal scored, but was well entertained by two teams still finding their way and frantic for a win.

I congratulate all the players who took part in those games for the commitment and the excitement they generated, especially in the latter stages of both contests.

I also feel privileged to have watched a great athlete and Soccer player approaching the peak of his physical attainment — Chris Kalantzis.

MARCONI CAMPS BIG HIT FOR KIDS

MARCONI's Soccer camps last week proved a sensational hit for 43 young, aspiring players as they were put through their paces by Marconi's senior NSL coach, Roberto Vieri, plus Marconi's NSL stars.

the conglomerate's sponsorship of Marconi's NSL team.

REFUND

For a joining fee of \$40 each student attending the camp received: tuition from 9.30am to 2.30pm for four days, a free CSR-Gyprock T-shirt plus a cap, a hot lunch every day.

The boys were split into four groups.

The best, fairest and most enthusiastic of each group, had his \$40 fee refunded.

Students wishing to sign up for the next Soccer camp in July, must contact, immediately, the Marconi secretary, Keith Charles on 02-610 2222.

JOHN ECONOMOS

The Soccer camps were held at the Marconi Stadium at Bossley Park.

They were sponsored by CSR-Gyprock and attracted youngsters from the ages of nine to 15.

Young players from Sydney's Western Suburbs were granted the marvellous opportunity of learning the basic skills of the code from some of Australia's finest NSL players.

Marconi, in conjunction with CSR-Gyprock, will be staging a second Soccer camp next July from the 7th to the 10th.

Last week's camps were supervised by the former Italian first division star Vieri, who was assisted by playing staff Frank Farina, Gerry Gomez, Paul Jones, Zlatko Nastic and club skipper, Tony Henderson.

Marconi's Brazilian assistant coach Roberto Viera also pitched in to help with the youngsters.

Paul Jones supplied specialised goalkeeping training.

The clinics served as part of CSR's long-term Youth Development Programme at Marconi and are an extension of

THEY STOOP TO CONQUER



Marconi senior coach, Roberto Vieri (right) is pictured discussing ball skills with a group of junior players participating in the clinic. Also looking on is National League star, Gerry Gomez.

TURNER AND KENT SECURE EAGLES' TWO POINTS

LAUNCESTON White Eagles gained their first points after being promoted to the Honeychurch Premier League at the expense of Riverside Olympic on April 18.

BY JOHN TSCHEPPEA

Both teams started tentatively but it was the Eagles who broke the deadlock midway through the first half.

The ball was played forward patiently to Dierdricks who tapped it into space on the right side for Kent to run on and neatly slot the shot wide of Hunt.

They went further ahead when Ricky Turner, after receiving the ball on the edge of the penalty area, turned and hammered it low and wide into the far corner of the net.

Olympic pulled one back when a goalkeeping error gave Stewart the advantage of a favourable bounce to tap in an easy chance.

The Eagles could've gone further ahead but a penalty was saved by Hunt, and they had to fight on and maintain their lead amid some strong, albeit late, Olympic pressure.

Launceston United was again on the tail end of a drubbing, this time at the hands of Devonport.

The Valley Road side have been scoring freely this season, and it has

been unselfishly shared among team-mates.

Frame, Mike Meldrum and DiPietro were on the verge of hat-tricks with two each and Pizzarani added his name to the tally as well.

Brian Davidson also was among the goals as he ripped Burnie apart. He scored five of the side's goals as they cruised to their second six-goal win in as many weeks.

Round 4 results:

White Eagles (Kent, Turner) d Olympic (Stewart) 2-1, Launc. City (B. Davidson, S. D. Turner) d Burnie (Casafu, B. Smith, Purton) 6-3, Ulverstone (A. Smith, McGrory) d Juventus (Guest) 2-1, Devonport (Frame, 2, M. Meldrum, 2, DiPietro, 2, Pizzarani) d Launc. United 7-0, Georgetown (Schiebl, Moran) d Matric 2-0.

Ladder (after Rd 4):

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ulverstone	4	4	0	15	3	8	
Georgetown	4	4	0	11	2	8	
Launc. City	4	4	0	18	9	8	
Devonport	4	3	0	17	4	6	
Juventus	4	1	1	9	10	3	
Matric	4	1	0	3	5	2	
White Eagles	4	1	0	3	6	13	
Burnie	4	0	1	3	6	13	

Newcomer to Northern Tasmania's Honeychurch Premier League, White Eagles, received a Soccer lesson from Boags-Hudson Cup winners, Launceston City, for their Round 3 encounter at Invermay Park, April 5.

After two brave and skillful showings against Georgetown and Ulverstone at the start of the season, the Eagles had a bad day and, by half time, were 4-0 down.

Brian Davidson ran riot and helped himself to three goals, all before half time. Hopkins deflected shot added the fourth.

A re-organised Eagles took the field with more determination after the break, but had to concede further goals — this time from Farrell and Turner — before they could strike back.

McCormick headed the first — a Paschek free-kick — in the 61st min. and McNear added a second after Dent was unable to gather in a strongly driven cross.

A missed penalty and an open goal didn't help Eagles' woes and City ran out comfortable winners — their third consecutive league triumph.

Contrarily, Ulver-

stone struggled to a narrow win over Burnie at Montello.

The Reds fielded many reserve team players in Smith, Sallese, Thurley and John Campagne and they managed to collect both points when Tom Campagne put the ball

into the net.

Georgetown had little trouble in despatching Juventus, and things were made a lot easier when Colin Guest was sent off in the second half.

Monagle gave the Town a one goal half-

time lead and Moore and Schiebl added others before Miotto gave his team a consolation goal.

Round 3 results:

Devonport (Frame, D. Meldrum, M. Koch) d Matric 3-0, Ulverstone (T. Campagne) d Burnie 1-0, Georgetown (Barac) 1-1.

(Monagle, P. Moore, Schiebl) d Juventus (Miotto) 3-1, Launceston City (B. Davidson, Hopkins, Farrell, Turner) d White Eagles (McCor-mick, McNear) 6-2, Olympic (Smith) d Launceston United (Barac) 1-1.



Olympia-WPL's Chris Barrell being pursued by Rapid's Farrell Shaw. Olympia won 7-0, with Paul Xanthopoulos scoring five goals.

(Photo by James Keane)

White Eagles' Sean Collins (left), being held off by Croatia-Glenorchy's Paul Furjanic. The teams drew 2-2.

(Photo by Tony Palmer)

TASMANIA-SOUTH

HARRY NOON LOOKS FOR ANOTHER NEW POSITION

HARRY Noon, the senior coach of Cadbury State League club Croatia-Glenorchy, has been dismissed after being in the job for only three months.

BY WALTER PLESS

Noon, 45, was sacked at the club's committee meeting on Monday, April 13.

He had only been in charge of the team for five competitive matches, resulting in a draw and two losses in the Cascade Summer Cup pre-season series, and a win and a loss in Croatia's opening two league games.

Noon came to Tasmania in January from Sydney, where he was a for-

mer New South Wales Federation staff coach.

He had previously coached Brisbane Lions and Sydney Croatia in the National League competition.

"The players did not like Harry's coaching methods and that's the reason for his dismissal," said Croatia's president, Mr Michael Furjanic.

"They regarded it as boring and that was one of the reasons we lost

four players early in the period.

"They said they didn't get much of the training and I spoke to Harry several times to get him to change his methods.

"One thing led to another and I don't think we could have gained anything if we would have continued with him. "It would have been a disaster for the club."

Mr Furjanic stressed that Noon's dismissal had nothing to do with the team's results but had resulted from his claimed disappointing coaching methods.

Replacement

Croatia has

appointed senior team captain Wayne Cowen as coach until the end of the season and he will be assisted by former goalkeeper and present team manager, Stephen Smith.

"They dismissed me for what they called professional incompetence," Harry Noon said. "That could mean lots of things and I think it's a bit harsh."

"Michael (Furjanic) is the boss down there and he runs things and makes the decisions and that's it."

"I feel unhappy. I felt I arranged the coaching. I watched the reserves

play, and we played with a bit of a system and I can't see any reason why there's any incompetence there."

Noon said the decision had not come as a complete shock to him as two people had warned him beforehand.

"It's only one man's decision and he runs the club, he puts money into it, so it's probably a worthwhile decision for him to make, but I thought it was a bit harsh because I put all my efforts into it but, obviously, it wasn't good enough."

Player Loss

Noon said that the loss of four key players prior to the commencement of the season had been due to administrative problems and yet he was now being unjustly blamed for it.

He said that he was bitter about the fact that other people had tried to pick the team last Saturday and there had been an incident in the dressing room involving the selection of a particular player.

"I don't tell administrative people how to do their jobs and, if you coach, you're entitled to make decisions, so I'm

upset more than disappointed, and my pride is hurt."

"I had a pretty good record with Sydney Croatia and Brisbane Lions and I don't think I was a failure here."

"Considering the players I had and the players I worked with, I thought we did a remarkable job especially when we took on Juventus and scored two goals against them."

Noon expressed interest in the Sydney Olympic job but said that he was quite happy to stay in Tasmania for the present time and consider any coaching job that came his way.

XANTHOPOULOS TRIES TO MATCH UP TO HOT PACE

INDIVIDUAL goal-scoring feats continue to grab the headlines in Tasmania with Juventus-Pioneer's Sergio Pace and Olympia-WPL's Paul Xanthopoulos being the latest ace marksmen.

Pace, who had hit Howrah for six a couple of weeks ago, scored a hat-trick as Juventus overcame Caledonians 3-1, while Xanthopoulos scored five in Olympia's 7-0 rout of Rapid.

Pace is now the Cadbury State League's leading scorer with nine goals, closely followed by Xanthopoulos on six, and Richard Leszczynski of White Eagles on five.

Leszczynski had scored his five in a 7-0 thrashing of Howrah.

Hobart City-Azzurri continued to make steady progress by beating bottom-side Howrah 2-1 to record its second league win of the season and firmly establish itself in the league after gaining promotion from the Rothmans League last season.

Former Inter-Monaro

player Carlo Ambrosino opened City's scoring against Howrah in the 11th minute.

He did well to control a high lob from team-mate Kim Barker before advancing to the goal-line and scoring with a tremendous shot from an acute angle.

Kim Barker made it 2-0 in the 49th minute when he finished off an exquisite attacking move by City which was started by goalkeeper Anthony Zito.

Zito threw the ball to Raglioni, who passed to Bishop, and the ball then went forward via Pigna-

losa and Ambrosino, back to Bishop, who had made a great run forward, and he could easily have scored himself but unselfishly squared it to Barker who fired home from close-range.

Howrah's consolation goal came in the final minute when Paul Engels scored from the edge of the penalty area to register Howrah's first league goal of the season.

Croatia-Glenorchy squandered a two-goal lead for the second week in succession but this time managed to hold out for a point instead of losing two.

After a scoreless opening half against reigning champion White Eagles, Tony Bacic and Neil Thomas put Croatia 2-0 ahead by the 66th minute, only to see a late revival by Eagles result in two goals in the final seven minutes.

David Stoddart slotted home the first from Andrew Leszczynski's precise pass in the 83rd minute, and Leszczynski himself grabbed the equalizer in the final minute of the match.

Bacic had missed three great chances for Croatia in the first half, while Richard Leszczynski

might well have given Eagles victory in the 79th minute if his shot had not struck the base of a post. Croatia had sacked coach Harry Noon at the beginning of the week and the team was handled by regular fullback Wayne Cowen, who sat out the game on the bench.

Details:

	Juventus-
Juventus-Pioneer	3 3 0 0 16 3
Olympia-WPL	3 3 0 0 14 1
White Eagles	3 2 1 0 12 4
Hobart City-Azzurri	3 2 0 1 6 5
Croatia-Glenorchy	3 1 1 1 9 7
Caledonians	3 0 0 3 3 10
Rapid	3 0 0 3 3 15
Howrah	3 0 0 3 1 19

Pioneer 3 (Pace 3), Caledonians 1 (Murtagh), Olympia-WPL 7 (Xanthopoulos 5, Greenwood Goldsmith), Rapid 0 (Hobart City-Azzurri 2, Ambrosino, Barker, Howrah 1, Engels), Croatia-Glenorchy 2 (Bacic, Thomas), White Eagles 2 (Stoddart, A. Leszczynski).

— WALTER PLESS

MAROONS PREPARE FOR AUCKLAND TOURNEY

QUEENSLAND coach Bruce Stowell could spring several surprises when he this week names his 15-man squad to play in the South Pacific Championship in New Zealand next month.

Stowell flew back from the Australian under 16 training camp at Parklea in Sydney last Wednesday to watch the annual intercity match between Brisbane and Ipswich at Ebbw Vale. The game was the final trial before Stowell selected his touring party.

While many expect Stowell to stick to those players who performed so well against Fiji a month ago, a number of other players have pushed for late inclusion. And Stowell also has to fill the hole caused by the move south to Preston of former Lions captain John Stewart.

While Brisbane Lions goalkeeper and current Queensland No.1 Rod Farrow is almost certain to make the tour, anyone of five others could be named as the second goalie in the 15.

North Star's Dave Gallagher was No.2 choice for the Fiji games but was not selected by Brisbane coach Mal Bland for the intercity game. The second keeping position went to Mount Gravatt's Mark Pickup, who has shown himself to be a top class keeper in recent weeks.

But leading the way to gain Stowell's nod is former Brisbane City NSL keeper Kim Wishart, now at Coalstars. Wishart was snapped up by the XXXX League side on a free transfer af-

and fullbacks Frank Mengotti and Alan Niven are certainties. Russell Stewart also will go, but whether as a sweeper or a midfielder is uncertain.

New Sweeper

One of the surprises could be the inclusion of former Lions and City NSL star Billy Williamson as a sweeper, which would give Stowell selection options.

Williamson has been switched to the defensive role at XXXX League club North Star this season and has been excelling in the position.

It is not completely new to him as he played sweeper, behind Eddie Thomson, at Aberdeen many years ago.

Stowell has watched Williamson a number of times this season and it should not go against the experienced Scotsman that he missed Brisbane selection.

Mount Gravatt midfielder Martin Kirsopp is another certain tourist along with probably John Ogden and Richard Basingthwaite but Stowell could use the tour to blood a few youngsters. And if that's the case midfielders Nick Meredith and David Hunter could be among the candidates.



BILLY WILLIAMSON... Aberdeen with Thomson

far this season and may warrant consideration while Stowell also may go for former Queensland player Dave Wheeler or one of the Ipswich pair Brian MacNicol or Peter Vogler.

The squad will be announced at a special media announcement at Perry Park this week in what will be the first promotion organised by the QSF's new marketing man, Mark Gardener.

NO RELEASE FOR IVOR EVANS

BRISBANE XXXX League club Olympic United finally appears to have been successful in the on-again transfer to talented Fijian midfielder Cheetha Vosuga.

But the club looks certain to miss out on skilful striker Ivor Evans who reportedly cannot gain a release from his Fijian club.

Olympic have been negotiating with Vosuga since he toured Queensland with the Fiji National team a month ago. But the negotiations broke down a number of times.

"It's cost us a lot of money in international phone calls but Cheetha is finally on his way," Olympic president Con Iconimides said.

After four rounds, Olympic United were second bottom on the league but unlucky not to be higher on the table. In the fourth round the club lost 2-1 to joint leaders North Star but where in the match throughout and had a shot hit the woodwork.

Matches this weekend are: Saturday — Grange Thistle v North Star, Lanham Park 6pm, Redlands v Coalstars, Perry Park, 7pm; Sunday — Olympic United v Taringa R., Goodwin Park, 2.45pm; Ipswich United v Easts, Ebbw

Vale, 2.45pm; Monday — Azzurri Brisbane City v Lions, Spencer Park, 2.45pm; Mount Gravatt v Rochedale, Dittmer Park, 2.45pm.

QUEENSLAND XXXX LEAGUE TABLE

(AFTER 4 ROUNDS)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lions	4	4	-	-	15	1	8
North Star	4	4	-	-	7	2	8
Easts	4	3	1	-	12	5	7
Azzurri BC	4	3	1	-	7	1	7
Ipswich Utd	4	1	2	1	6	4	4
Taringa R.	4	2	-	2	5	4	4
Rochedale	4	1	2	1	6	7	4
Mt Gravatt	4	1	1	2	8	9	3
Grange Thistle	4	-	2	2	2	4	2
Coalstars	4	-	1	3	3	5	1
Olympic Utd	4	-	-	4	2	13	0
Redlands Utd	4	-	-	4	1	16	0

CLUB CHAMPION TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
North Star	16	13	1	2	35	18	27
Lions	16	10	3	3	38	11	23
Easts	16	8	5	3	32	17	21
Grange Thistle	16	7	6	3	23	9	20
Azzurri BC	16	6	4	6	26	25	16
Taringa R.	16	6	2	8	31	29	14
Rochedale	16	4	6	6	22	30	14
Ipswich Utd	16	4	5	7	16	23	13
Redlands Utd	16	5	2	9	16	38	12
Coalstars	16	4	3	9	23	25	11
Mt Gravatt	16	3	5	8	18	34	11
Olympic Utd	16	3	4	9	15	33	10

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KIM WISHART... big comeback.

ter City failed to retain the keeper after he broke his leg last year.

It has not taken Wishart long to regain top form and he may have clinched a tour berth in the intercity trial.

Gallagher, too, cannot be ruled out, with Stowell often loyal to those who have served him well in the past.

Another former state keeper, Wayne Evans could have been in the running had he maintained his first team place at Brisbane City but he has been forced into the reserves by former Mount Gravatt keeper Stu Woodruffe, who has been outstanding recently and is another bidding for selection.

In the defence, team captain Frank Liddell

Up front is where Stowell could spring most of his surprises. Central striker Mark Brusasco, a two-goal hero in Queensland's first match against Fiji is a certain tourist, as it Lions winger Jim Morton. But will Stowell stick with Brett Durery and Kieran Cooper or go for others?

Cooper has been sadly out of form, and dropped to the bench for the second Fiji game and Stowell may look elsewhere.

He is a big fan of North Star youngster Jarrod Austin, who withdrew injured from the Brisbane game. Other strikers like Phil and Michael Mulvey and Chris Fegan have been among the goals so

Queensland Update

GREG RUSSELL brings you the latest news and views from the scene up north.

BOTH BOHANS OUT AS REDLANDS BATTLING

TWO of Queensland's most colourful Soccer brothers have hit the headlines yet again.

Gary and Bevan Bohan, household names in Brisbane Soccer, have been axed from XXXX League club Redlands.

The pair were among a number of experienced players brought to the club by wealthy president Dick Karreman to assist player-coach Steve Perry keep his side in the XXXX League.

The Bohans were axed as a result of a number of incidents in recent weeks. It is understood, Gary got into hot water when he declined to play for the reserves after being dropped the week following a send-off suspension.

The former Mount Gravatt striker and had been playing in midfield and at stopper for the Bayside club.

Bevan, the former Brisbane City NSL player, was ousted by Perry after he reportedly failed to front for an Easter Saturday match. Kareman said the club had received no forewarning that Bohan had any commitments.

Although Karreman stood before the QSF

council several months ago and pledged to field a strong and competitive side in the club's first year in the XXXX league, has stood by Perry's decision to axe the Bohans.

"It's going to cost us money, but that's the way it goes," Karreman said.

After reaching the final of the XXXX pre-sea-

son final, the opening rounds of fixtures have been a disaster for Redlands.

The club lost all four of its opening matches, scoring just one goal and conceding 16. It is firmly anchored at the bottom of the table.

"There's a long way to go yet, but we are looking for more players," Karreman said.



RUSSELL STEWART

Stewart fishes for trouble

BRISBANE Lions defender Russell Stewart, who toured China with the Soceroos last year, is set to be sidelined for several weeks after severely gashing his heel.

Stewart, 22, required stitches after stepping on a piece of glass during an Easter fishing trip.

The injury forced him to withdraw from last week's annual intercity clash between Brisbane and Ipswich, which was the final section trial for the Queensland team to

tour New Zealand next month.

Stewart was one of three players forced out for the Brisbane Squad. The others were Jim Morton, who had a bruised foot and North Star striker Jarrod Austin, who had an ankle injury.

Brisbane Coach Mal Bland named North striker Mick Mulvey, Brisbane City winger Jom Burgess and Taringa striker Calvin Daunt as replacements. Despite the loss of the three players, Brisbane still started the match favourites to beat Ipswich, who won the intercity game 2-1 last season.

WOMEN'S SOCCER SCENE



— AUSTRALIAN 18'S SHINE IN DALLAS —

THE Australian under 18 women's Soccer team was eliminated at the semi-final stage of the Dallas Cup competition involving top club and state sides from all over the US.

It began the tour with a 1-1 draw with D'Freeters, then crashed to the Dallas Gunners 3-0. Another dropped point would have meant an early exit from the competition, but the Australians hung on with a 2-0 win over Oklahoma State, goals coming from Kerrie Rowe (Queensland) and Deni Pentecost (NSW).

Even then, there was

an anxious wait for the game between the Gunners and D'Freeters, which could have put D'Freeters into the semi-final ahead of the Australians.

The Gunners quickly dispatched this possibility by winning 4-0.

In the semi-final the tourists came up against a side from one of the lead-

ing clubs in the US, the Dallas Sting, and were beaten 5-0.

It was a game Tasmanian goalkeeper Yolanda McCarthy will long remember. She replaced the ACT's Bronwyn Calver in the second half but within five minutes was laid out in a sandwich between two Sting players.

McCarthy was taken to hospital and retained overnight with concussion and blurred vision, but was able to rejoin the party the following day. Calver returned to goal

for the remainder of the game.

One member of the party, defender Laura Fisher, changed clubs while overseas following Queanbeyan's decision to play only in the ACT second division this season.

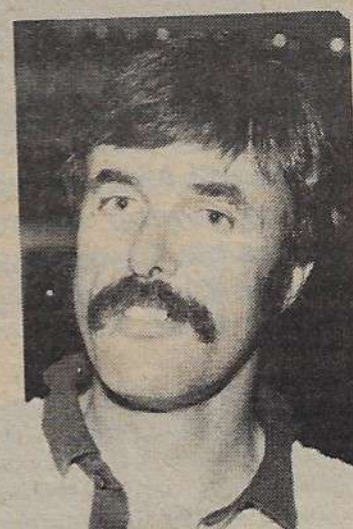
Last year Queanbeyan, with Fisher as sweeper, was a major force, beating Weston Creek in the Club Cup final, but close season defections by a number of players has weakened it considerably.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fisher's father, Bobby, who coaches the club, said the remaining players had told him they did not want to hold back Laura's representative career and that she should seek a first-division side to play for.

"In view of this, Laura has decided to play for Belconnen United," Bobby said.

"I'll be staying on with Queanbeyan. I was hoping to retire from Soccer coaching this season. Instead, I am starting all over again."



BY GRAHAM COOKE

A REAL BARNEY

FAIRY Meadow-Italia striker Barney King turned in his best scoring effort when he hit home five goals against Maccabi at Wentworth Park.



BARNEY KING... knocked off Maccabi.

King joined Italia three years season after three years with Wollongong Macedonia and is coaching the club's reserves and youth team.

Currently aiming for his ASF senior coaching badge, he says the new role is helping his form in the Italia first grade side.

"Since I became keen on coaching I am thinking a lot more about the game and I'm a lot fitter than in the past," King said.

"I was a bit worried that having to be at the ground early on match days to look after the reserves and youth team I might get stale by the time it was my turn to play but it has worked in reverse.

"It seems as if I am thriving on being totally involved in the three grades."

King came from England in 1977 and played Illawarra Soccer with

Warilla Sports and Shellharbour before joining Macedonia.

Italia coach Larry Gaffney was keen to have King as his assistant and they seem to be working well together.

Things are really looking up for Italia after they had only a handful of senior players turn up for early training sessions.

After thrashing Maccabi 6-0 they are being rated one of the favourites to win promotion back to State League.

With King now having scored eight goals in six games he could easily become the league's top goalscorer.

His previous best was four with Shellharbour in a Bampton Cup game against Unanderra when Shellharbour won 10-0.

Concern

Some church leaders were upset when the ISA decided to play two Premier League games on Good Friday.

The Port Kembla-Warilla and Corrimal-Figtree games went ahead and drew reasonable crowds.

Association publicity officer John Walker said the decision was made because there was no

other sport being played. "We felt we were promoting our code and people didn't have to go to the games," he said.

"On the other hand those who were interested had something to do on a holiday and some of them probably attended church in the morning."

ACT Game

Illawarra representative coach Robert Fryer has a tough task naming his senior squad to meet ACT on the June long weekend.

The game will be played in Wollongong and Fryer has no shortage of candidates for places in his line-up.

He has been busy getting around local games when he isn't playing with his club side, Port Kembla.

"I have watched as many players as I can and competition is really strong this season," he said.

"Having South Coast Croatia come in to Premier League has emphasised how many good players they have and Warilla have some very good talent.

"It seems quite a few players have been show-

ing top form in the first few rounds of the season."

Fernhill's Gerry Walker is coaching the Illawarra youth squad again and he has also been busy checking out the talent available to him.

Free Pizzas?

Even the referees are being sponsored these days...

There may not be too many of them this season, but Illawarra referees have found a new sponsor.

Of all things he is a pizza restaurant proprietor. The refs have the backing of Pizza Roma, who have also been supporting Wollongong City.

The sponsor will get most value from the investment when a linesman puts up his flag for off-side because Pizza

Roma has been printed on the flags in large letters.

Unanderra

Unanderra looks to have a battle on their hands to avoid relegation after losing 2-1 to Aris.

After that result they had played four games, lost the last and managed just two goals so coach Ron Sattin has reason to be concerned.

The side managed to avoid the drop last season and look to have more talent with the addition of Sattin and his brother, Harry, in the midfield.

Defence looks the big problem with Sattin sorely missing last season's centre-back combination Darren Galway and Paul Meares who are doing so well with Fairy Meadow Italia.

ILLAWARRA INFO

FOUR YEAR SUSPENSION FOR RODNEY WILLIAMS

SOUTH Coast Croatia winger Rodney Williams has been suspended for four years by the Illawarra judiciary after sensational incidents during the Premier League match against Cringila at Ian McLennan Oval.

BY PHIL MURPHY

Williams was involved in an incident with judiciary chairman Frank Shuttleworth, who was acting as a stand-in linesman during the second half of the game.

The trouble started after an hour's play when Williams became involved in a heated argument with his brother, Neil, who is player-coach of the Croatia side.

Neil finally told his younger brother to leave the field and called for a replacement, but the argument continued and referee John Cowland became involved.

Having previously shown Williams the yellow card, Cowland sent him off for dissent.

The send-off took place before the replacement so Croatia were left with 10 men and as he walked from the field Williams became involved in a nasty incident with Shuttleworth.

Croatia officials intervened and the player threw a number of punches at the officials as they tried to get him to the dressing room.

Williams had been handed a lengthy suspension in his junior days after a serious incident involving a referee.

Croatia secretary Ivan Spanicek said the latest

incident was unfortunate for his club as Williams is such a good player.

"He has had disciplinary problems but is really a very talented player and having lost him could effect our premiership chances," Spanicek said.

"With Williams, Joe Coelho and John Sutcliffe we had without doubt the best attack in the league."

In their game against Cringila, Croatia won 3-2 after leading 3-1 when Williams was sent off and Cringila missed a penalty.

The player has a week in which to lodge an appeal, if he wishes to do so.

THERE was a delay to the start of the recent Wollongong-Canberra game at Wollongong Showground and it didn't reflect very well on the visitors.

Goalkeeper George Economopoulos had been warming up in a red jumper for a few minutes, despite the fact Wollongong was playing in the same colour.

The teams were actually lined up to start the game when referee Kevin Tooke ordered a

neutral colour.

Surely someone connected with the Canberra club would know by now what colours Wollongong play in.

MOST players would have their career shattered by one broken leg, but Bulli fullback Steve Hammersley has just suffered that fate a third time in the Illawarra district.

One of the most popular district players to play Premier League in recent years, Hammersley broke the same leg a third time playing reserve grade against Shellharbour.

It was a double tragedy for Hammersley as he was playing well enough to have coach Norm Flanagan considering him for first grade and was to have gone on a short overseas holiday soon.

The holiday, to Hong Kong and China has had to be held over and could be Hammersley will decide to hang up his boots.

HUNTER SUPER LEAGUES

BY DAVE WILLIAMS

THE Northern NSW Soccer Federation's inaugural Junior Super Leagues began last weekend under the sponsorship of Coca-Cola Bottlers, Newcastle — a division of Southern Cross Beverages Pty Ltd.

The super leagues, under-13, under-14 and under-16 age groups, have been established to try to improve the standard of football at junior level in the Newcastle-Macquarie-Hunter-Central Coast areas with a flow-on to senior clubs in those districts.

It would have been ideal to include teams from all Northern NSW branches but such a plan would have been impracticable because of the distances involved.

So, the Federation's board of directors decided to concentrate initially on the four branches named where there is a fairly even spread of senior clubs to host the junior teams.

However, other

Northern branches have made enquiries about the possibility of joining the super leagues.

Each of the 10 super league teams in the three divisions is being restricted to 14 registered players and the minimum requirement for coaches is a Level II coaching certificate. Referees are expected to be the best available for those grades.

Super league fixtures will be curtailed over the June holiday weekend so as not to interfere with the Northern NSW State championships.

At a media function held in Newcastle on April 22, Nerida Drinkwater, Coca-Cola Bottlers Newcastle's promotions officer, said that her company was "very excited" about the new sponsorship and wished the Federation every success with the venture.

Also at the function, the Federation acknowledged the second year of sponsorship by Tooheys Hunter Brewery and Ray Baartz Sports as the official supplier to the super league teams.

INSTITUTE OF SPORT

This week's profile of AIS striker Paul Foster completes our series on the current players at the Institute.



NAME: Paul Foster
AGE: 19
D.O.B: 28/12/67
HEIGHT: 182cm
WEIGHT: 78kg
POSITION: Striker
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Goonellabah S.C. N.N.S.W.
STATE: U/13 to Youth, N.S.W. boys
AGE GROUPS REPRESENTED: —
AUSTRALIA U/16 REP: —
AUSTRALIA YOUTH REP: —
OCCUPATION: Part-time model
OTHER: AIS Scholarship 1985 & 19

Paul had a tremendous season last year scoring 30 in the league competition. A big powerful lad who possesses all the attributes required to play at top level. Paul is a serious contender for a place in the Youth Squad this season and will certainly attract some attention for NSL clubs this season.



Australian Capital Territory



"Referee chased . . . assaulted"

REFEREES JACK UP ON UNPOPULAR CANBERRA UNITED OVER ATTACK

ACT Soccer referees have withdrawn their services from all games involving ACT second division club Canberra United, ASRF (ACT division) president Paul Murphy said.

BY GRAHAM COOKE

The decision, taken by a management committee meeting and later ratified by the division's full council, had been unanimous, Murphy said.

However, senior league chairman Jo Alberto said the league would not accept selective action against one club.

Murphy said: "We no longer have any confidence that the safety of referees at Canberra United games can be preserved."

"Some referees cannot be appointed to Canberra United because of past incidents, others refuse to accept the appointments. It was coming to the point where we had no one left

to take charge of these games.

"This was a situation which was unfair on the other clubs, none of whom have created problems like this."

The ban comes as a direct result of an incident at United's first-round Federation Cup game with RMC. Murphy, who was at the game as a referee's inspector, said match official Carl Thayer was chased and assaulted and only saved from further injury by the intervention of RMC players and officials.

Problems had begun when a United player, who had previously been sent off, sat on the trainer's bench and refused to leave the immediate area of the pitch.

Called Off

Murphy said that Thayer then suspended the game until the player removed himself. "As they [Thayer and linesmen Mark Williamson and Ian Dundas] were walking from the pitch they were chased by two Canberra United players," Murphy said.

The assault then took place and the match was abandoned.

Since then talks had been held with the senior league management committee and United had been fined.

"But the salient factor behind our decision is that we no longer have confidence that Canberra United matches can be refereed safely," he said.

Alberto said the league would not accept a selective strike by referees.

"I believe that the matter has been dealt with.

The club has been fined \$500, there is a recommendation from the management committee that one of its players be suspended for life and Canberra United itself has deregistered three players as a result of the incident.

"Any further action by the league would be irresponsible."

It is not the first time United and the referees have been at loggerheads. The club's disciplinary record is not good and the ACT division took similar action last season only to call off the ban after negotiations with league officials.

Since then United have been relegated from the first division and there is a feeling among referees that with the open grounds and less supervision in the lower levels, the chances of preventing such incidents have diminished.



RON TINDALL . . . Canberra hit back over coaching service claims. He was coaching Western Australian squads at the AIS.

PALACIOS THANKS REFEREE

CANBERRA City Griffiths coach Augusto Palacios believes in giving credit where it is due — and that extends to referees.

"The referee for our game against Sutherland, Bob Marshall, was the best we have had so far this season," he said.

"He was the first who kept control all through the game and was not influenced by players appealing and shouting at him."

ACT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

ELAINE WATSON CUP:

Canberra City 6
Queanbeyan 0, ANU 1
Belconnen United 0,
Downer Olympic 2
CCAIE 0, Weston Creek 0
Stormbirds 0, Canberra City 1
Downer Olympic 0, Belconnen United 3
Queanbeyan 0, Stormbirds 2
CCAIE 0, Weston Creek 1
ANU 0.

SARAH BRIGGS SHIELD:

Wanderers 1 CCAIE B 0, Concordia-Canberra 0
Tuggeranong United 0, Belconnen United B 2
Stormbirds B 1, ANU B 5
Weston Creek B 0, Wanderers 1
Tuggeranong United 1, Stormbirds B 2
CCAIE B 1, ANU B 5
Belconnen United B 0, Weston Creek B 1
Downer Olympic B 1.

"The Pommy Mafia"

TINDALL CLAIMS THAT CRITICS "MISGUIDED"

CRITICS of Soccer's national coaching set-up appeared to lack the basic knowledge of what the scheme was about, Western Australia's coaching development officer, Ron Tindall, said in Canberra.

"They are misguided and, in some cases, basing their attacks on totally inaccurate information," he said.

Visiting the ACT with a squad of Western Australian Institute of Sport students for a week's training at the AIS, English-born Tindall was particularly critical of claims that a 'Pommy Mafia' operated in Australian coaching circles.

"Every state selects its own director of coaching and the people who hold the various positions have a wide range of talent," he said. "I cannot see how any 'Pommy

BY GRAHAM COOKE

Mafia' could exercise influence over the appointments.

"Being somewhat isolated in Western Australia, I did not realise the extent of the controversy in the eastern states until I began to receive some of the newspaper articles.

"I was shocked at some of the things which have been said.

"While it would be wrong to suggest that everyone who goes through the scheme comes out a good coach, the articles seem to suggest

the opposite — that none of any worth bothers with it.

"Yet I have been on course where people of the calibre of Eddie Thomson and Les Scheinflug have been the staff coaches."

In Western Australia around 200 people a year went through the various courses under the national coaching accreditation scheme. "That number has been fairly consistent over several years — if we were not doing our job there would certainly

be a falling off of interest.

"It appears that all this blew up over the head coach's appointment here [the AIS] yet I don't think there is anyone I know who would have been thought [head coach] Ron Smith the best man for the job.

"Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but I object to criticism from people who have not bothered to find out what we do.

"I think the time has come for us all to get on with our jobs."

ACT, REFEREES MEET OVER CANBERRA UTD

THE president of the ACT Soccer Federation, Charles Perkins, said last week that it had been decided to postpone matches between Canberra United and Weston Creek in the opening round of the competition last weekend (April 26).

Affected were games in the second division and second division reserve grade.

He said that a meeting between the ACTSF and the referees body

had produced certain proposals and these would be discussed by the referees on Wednesday, April 29.

Present at last week's meeting were Perkins, Alberto, the ACT senior league referees' liaison officer, Ken Carter, with Murphy and George Dobbin representing the referees.

— GRAHAM COOKE

ACT League, first division fixtures for Sunday, May 3:

Croatia Deakin v CCAE
Belconnen United v Canberra City Olympians
Concordia-Canberra v Juventus
Tuggeranong United v Narrabundah

N.NSW

INGHAM SCORES

ADAMSTOWN Rosebud and Belmont Swansea United had easy wins in the opening series of the Northern NSW First Division premiership on Sunday.

At Austral Park Adamstown beat Austral United 5-2. While Belmont Swansea scored six times without reply from Wallsend at the International Sports Centre.

Sean Ingham, who started the season in the NSL with Sydney City, scored twice for Adamstown as did David Bock,

a new signing from Wallsend.

Adamstown led 4-0 at half-time before Costa Caimakamas and Paul Krstevski scored for Austral.

Craig Jones and Ian Johns each netted twice and Graham Hills and Dale Robertson also netted for Belmont Swansea.

In other first series matches Weston beat Cardiff 3-1 at Weston, Highfields Azzurri defeated Central Coast 2-0 at Whitebridge and West Wallsend beat Lake Macquarie City 1-0 at Johnson Park.

— DAVE WILLIAMS

VIC CHECKS OUT ACE DEFENDERS

INTER Monaro officials have been checking on players from the now defunct Sydney City club in an effort to boost their flagging campaign in the NSW State Bank Soccer League.

While there is some money available since the club gained a major sponsor in Canberra company Sunny Con-

crete, coach Vic Fernandez admitted it would be difficult to convince players from the failed NSL side to take the risk of coming to Queanbeyan, especially while the team was struggling.

The names of the players involved are confidential, but it is no secret that Fernandez is looking for defenders. After five games Monaro had scored 10 goals — two more than high-flying neighbours Canberra Griffins — but has conceded 15.

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Commonwealth Bank Cup

CONDELL PARK CHALLENGES HOLDERS

CONDELL Park High has commenced the long haul towards the prestigious Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup. After having a bye in Round One of the competition, they played East Hills Boys' High School in Round Two.

The two teams seemed evenly matched and for the first twenty minutes the score remained at nil-nil. The deadlock was broken shortly after when a free kick was awarded to Condell Park

just outside the penalty area.

Paul Rago was able to kick the ball over the wall and curl it into the top left hand corner of the goal, giving the East Hills keeper no chance.

This goal seemed to dishearten the East Hills players and by the end of the half goals by Grant St John and Zlatko Momircevi saw Condell Park lead 3-0.

During the second half Condell Park scored four more goals, Paul Rago, finishing with four goals, Momircevi two and Grant St John one goal. The final result, 7-1 to Condell Park.

Paul Rego beats wall

Condell Park are now drawn to meet Birrong Boys' in the third round of the Commonwealth Bank Cup. Birrong won the State-wide competition in 1986 and have been able to retain most of their players for this year.

In their second round game Birrong accounted for Chesham Hill, winning 1-0. The match between

Condell Park and Birrong will be played in the first week back after the Term 1 holidays, and promises to provide some exciting play, with the winner having a good chance to go a long way in the competition.

Birrong are naturally looking forward to back to back Commonwealth Bank Cups.

— DAVID PEADE

BRAVE WHITEBRIDGE CANES WARNERS BAY

CAN the girls of Whitebridge High School emulate the deeds of their "big brothers"?

In recent years Whitebridge has built up a formidable reputation in the Commonwealth Bank Cup Boys Soccer K.O. by being Hunter Regional Champions for the last five consecutive years and reaching the State Final in 1977.

They also reached the semifinals of the Bill Turner Cup last year and have started well in 1987 with a 3-0 win over Toronto in the Commonwealth Cup.

This year the girls decided to "give it a go" and for the first time in its history Whitebridge entered in the Commonwealth Bank Shield girls.

Soccer K.O. selection consisted of taking 15 volunteers — most of whom have not played Soccer before — indeed only one currently plays on weekends.

For their first game they drew the fearsome Warners Bay High, Regional Champions last year and State Champions in 1985.

In an away game in front of several hundred vocal opposing supporters, complete with cheer squad, Whitebridge took the lead with a penalty goal by Brooke Humphries midway through the first half.

They then withstood an almost constant siege

of their penalty area for the remainder of the game to record a deserved 1-0 win.

What the girls lacked in skill they more than made up for with fierce determination and some hard tackles that would have even made many a boy think twice.

Through a series of trials against younger

boys teams, and sessions after school and on weekends, the squad is gradually developing into a capable outfit under the coaching of Colin Eason and John Seskus.

They are ready to take on either Wallsend or Waratah in the next round. The word is "WATCH OUT FOR WHITEBRIDGE!"

— JOHN SESKUS

NELSON BAY WINS IN THREE SCHOOL COMPS

THERE was almost dancing in the streets of the Port Stephens resort town of Nelson Bay when all three Soccer teams, Commonwealth Bank Cup, Commonwealth Bank Shield and OAK Bill Turner Cup, won their matches in a period of three or four days.

The 3-0 win over Belmont was no fluke for the senior side, while putting four into the Raymond Terrace net was a fine effort by the fifteens year olds. The girls ran riot over Scone, netting seven times. Will Nelson Bay be the dark horse school this year?

Kotara and Morisset faced each other in both Commonwealth Bank Cup and OAK Bill Turner Cup just a few days

apart. In the open age Kotara had a comfortable 4-0 win but such was not the case with the fifteen year olds. Kotara won by the odd goal in seven.

West Wallsend High won the trifection in 1987. All three Soccer teams, Commonwealth Bank Cup, Commonwealth Bank Shield and Bill Turner Cup drew a bye in Round One. One could only speculate how often that would happen.

The Commonwealth Bank Cup match had just ended and the lads were enjoying some refreshments. Two boys were each enjoying a carton of OAK flavoured milk when a colleague quipped: "Hey, Tony, that's the other competition."

Replied Tony: "Yeah, but you try getting a sample from ours (The Commonwealth Bank!)"

Bill Turner stopped by a ground where a match was about to get underway in the Cup series which is named in his honour.

As he walked over, one of the coaches commented: "Ahh, here's Bill Turner." The two spoke briefly and as Bill was walking away he overheard a youngster say to the coach: "Gee sir, he's got the same name as this comp."

The coach showing great restraint, held back his mirth and put the lad right.

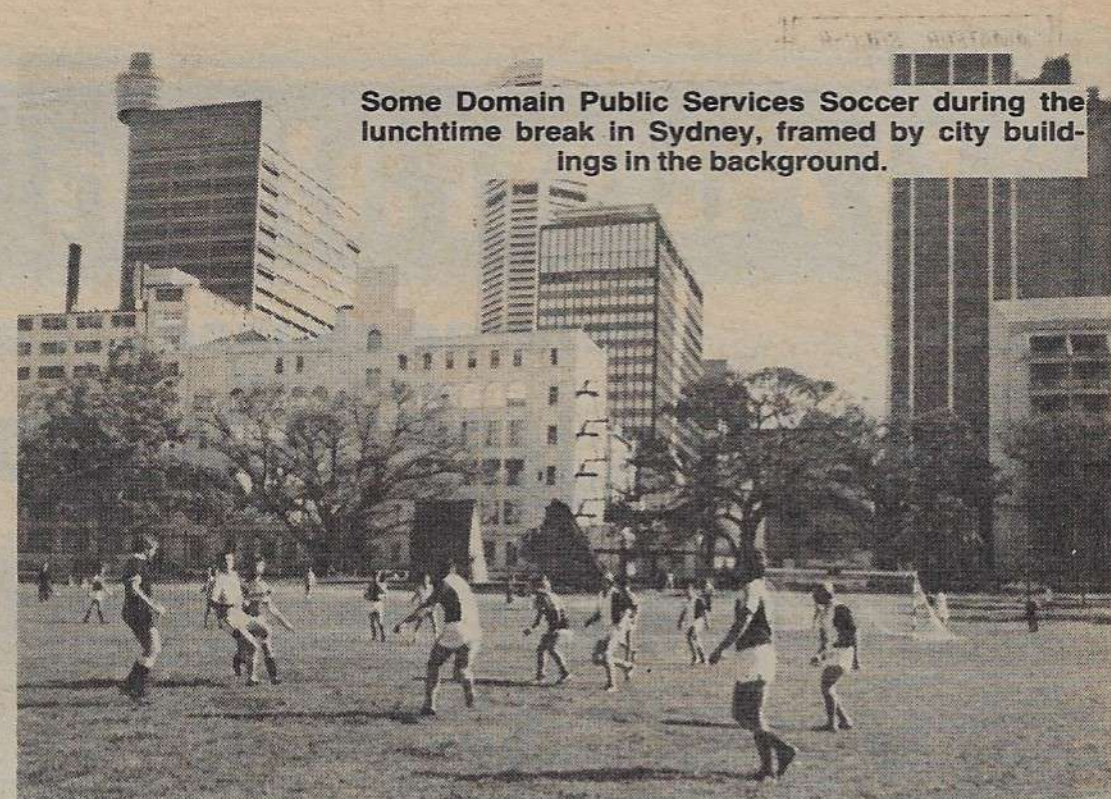
The Wallsend v Newcastle clash in the OAK Bill Turner Cup match was a thriller. The former Cup holders Wallsend were reeling in the first half and were down 0-2 by the break.

They fought back to level the score at full time. Extra time was called and in the final stanza Newcastle fell apart as the burgundy shirts hammered in three great goals.

McGREGOR IS COMING

CRAIG McGregor, the Booragul, Hunter, Northern NSW and Australian star is playing top football again this year. He has a great future in the game.

His team mate Jason Holt is a top allrounder. He has already represented the Hunter in open Soccer; he plays alongside Robert "Dutchy" Holland for the Southern Lakes Cricket Club, represented Newcastle in Under 19 cricket and recently won selection in the Hunter Region Schoolboys open rugby league side.



Some Domain Public Services Soccer during the lunchtime break in Sydney, framed by city buildings in the background.

DOMAIN SOCCER

BY MICHAEL MIKOLAJCZYK

LUNCHTIME Soccer in the city is under-way again.

The Public Service Soccer Association is conducting a four division, 30 team competition played exclusively at the Domain, each working day.

Games start at noon and 1pm and run for 40 minutes, so that players

and spectators can utilise their lunchbreak with least disruption to work schedules.

The time construction and smallish pitch dictate that games are non stop, action-packed affairs.

The top two divisions have played two rounds and the third and fourth are now in full swing.

Most first and second division teams field many

weekend Federation players, which assures a high standard of play and competitiveness.

The blend of talented youngsters and polished, experienced campaigners creates a variety of playing styles which lead to absorbing encounters.

Central Business District workers are invited to spend a leisurely hour in the usually warm sunshine and relax in the splendid environs of the Domain.

At the same time they can take in an exciting game of Soccer.

GIRLS' SOCCER

SINGLETON COW PATS!

AFTER being the top school in girls Soccer for three years, Warners Bay were beaten 1-0 by Whitebridge in a Round One match this year.

This is always a possibility with the ever moving population in schools.

In other news the Booragul High School girls travelled up to Singleton for their first match in the Commonwealth Bank Shield competition.

They were very bemused when the locals conducted a "Round-Up" prior to the game.

Singleton High have their own mobile lawn mowers in the form of a flock of sheep which had to be persuaded to leave the playing field so that the game could get started.

As the Booragul girls stood there looking at the

sheep the coach quipped: "Don't worry girls we can't play them, their goalkeeper (one sheep was standing squarely between the posts) isn't wearing a different coloured jumper."

For the first ten minutes of the actual match the coach was almost tearing his hair out as the team members played a mixture of Soccer and Tiny Tim's "Tiptoe Through the Tulips" as they tried to dodge the copious number of small pieces of "fertilizer".

Used to the conditions, the local girls gave the visitors a real run around until they found their feet, or should we say, "forget" their feet.

THOMPSON TRADITION SINCE 1909

TWO Hunter schools entered the OAK Bill Turner Cup for the first time this year. They were Mount View, Cessnock's second high school, and Singleton's St Catherines.

Mount View gave their long-established brothers a top game, going down 0-2. Wayne Thompson had a fine game.

There is a strong Coalfields connection in the Mount View side with Wayne and his cousin Jason Thompson plus the Freebairn families.

It all started in 1909 when great-grandfather Freebairn played for the Cessnock Blue Bell club. There have been Thompsons and Freebairns ever since.

Other players who did well against Cessnock were Craig Beckett, Craig Howson and Mark King.

St Catherines, who entered almost at the last moment, were very keen and enthusiastic but this was not enough against the well oiled Kurri side.

The experience however will be a benefit for future entries from the school.

McGRISKEN REPLACES MOSCOVIS

THE first round matches of this year's OAK Turner Cup have already been played, with the competition having a new Sydney convenor.

John Moscovis, to whom a great deal of credit must be given for making the competition such a success in Sydney over the past five years, has been transferred to Katoomba High School and has decided to take a break for a year.

He has been replaced by Greg McGriskin, a Social Science teacher and Sportsmaster at Fairfield Patrician Brothers.

Greg has a long background of success as a coach in Soccer, having taken Fairfield to the State final of the cup in 1984 and to the last eight in 1986.

He currently is the coach of the Marconi Under 13 Youth team. We wish him well in his new role as an administrator.

Benedict College Auburn scored early in their Region 12 match against Ashfield Boys, who evened the score just before half time.

It the second half it was all Benedict College, who pinned Ashfield in their own half of the field for long periods in the remainder of the match but were unable to score.

Against the run of play Ashfield took the lead with their only worthwhile attack of the second stanza. Benedict refused to panic and two goals in the final five minutes won them the game 3-2. Best players for Benedict College were Louis Acevedo, David Vairella and Sergio Duque.

In Region 9 a very even match ensued between Muirfield High and Parramatta Marist Brothers.

Muirfield's defence and midfield matched Parramatta's with Adam Baker, Andrew Crews and Adam Haggard outstanding.

However up front the lack of fire power, which had been revealed in trials, still couldn't be remedied and no matter how hard Adam Haggard tried, bursting through from midfield, John Crawley in the Parramatta goal reigned supreme.

A slip just before half-time by the Muirfield sweeper let Parramatta in for the only goal of the game. Parramatta Marist Brothers 1-0.

— LINDSAY HEWISON

HUNTER REGION SCHOOLS COMMONWEALTH BANK CUP

ROUND ONE

Waratah 4 d Evatt (Maitland) 0, Kurri Kurri 8 d Dungog 0, Nelson Bay 3 d Belmont 0, Cessnock 3 d Singleton 0, Muswellbrook 12 d Scone 0, Francis Greenway (Beresfield) 5 d Gateshead 2, Merewether 6 d Jesmond 1, Kotara 4 d Morisset 0, Booragul d Broadmeadow by default, Newcastle 6 d Raymond Terrace 2, Glendale 2 d Swansea 0, Warners Bay 2 d Rutherford 0, Whitebridge 3 d Toronto 0, Wallsend 5 d Lambton 0, Cardiff 7 d Irrawang 2.

COMMONWEALTH BANK SHIELD (GIRLS)

ROUND ONE

Whitebridge 1 d Warners Bay 0, Wallsend 2 d Waratah 0, Francis Greenway, Beresfield 3 d Maitland 0, Morisset 3 d Broadmeadow 0, Swansea 7 d Newcastle 2, Jesmond 8 d Raymond Terrace 4, Belmont 2 d Glendale 0, Nelson Bay 7 d Scone 0, Booragul 9 d Singleton 0, Forster 3 d Rutherford 1, Lambton v Kotara deferred, Toronto v Merewether deferred.

OAK BILL TURNER CUP

ROUND ONE

St Pauls Booragul 2 d Belmont 1, Glendale 5 d Rutherford 0, Wallsend 5 d Newcastle 2 — extra time, Scone 2 d Muswellbrook 1, St Pius X Adamstown 4 d Lambton 3, Kurri Kurri 13 d St Catherines, Singleton 0, Booragul 2 d Waratah 0, Toronto 3 d Broadmeadow 0, Nelson Bay 4 d Raymond Terrace 0, Evatt High (Maitland) d Jesmond 0, Swansea 4 d Gateshead 0, Merewether 10 d Irrawang 0, Kotara 4 d Morisset 3, Cessnock 2 d Mount View (Cessnock) 0.



NSW AMATEUR SOCCER FEDERATION



NSW UNDER 12 CENTENARY CUP

BANKSTOWN'S U11 STATE CHAMPS SCORING SPREE IN TOURNEY

THE BANKSTOWN boys, State champions last year, began the U12 Centenary Cup with a hatful of goals in their matches at Parry Park, Lakemba.

Their midfield free kick expert helped them on the way to early victories.

NSW Metropolitan and Sports Media has kindly sponsored this year's school holidays tournament.

It has been hosted by Lakemba Sports and Recreation Club at their facilities at Parry Park, Punchbowl Road, Lakemba.

This weeklong competition commenced at 9am on Sunday 19th April with the managers meeting hosted by Tournament Manager Mr Len Leaver and NSWASF Competition Secretary Mr Bill Cullinan.

Tournament Officials Mr Gary Divola acting as Registrar, Mr Tony Johnston responsible for Referees Appointments and Mr Doug Stewart, the Canteen Supervisor, were introduced to all present and the rules and draw were circulated.

For 13 teams playing, a total of 193 boys and 1 girl

have been registered to participate.

At the time the draw was made up there was a bye slot so Lakemba, as host club, entered their U12 club team. These teams were divided into 2 groups: Group A: Mid North Coast, Bankstown, Sutherland, Gladesville, North Tasmania, St George, Lakemba. Group B: Southern Districts, Illawarra, Nepean, Albury, Macarthur, Canterbury.

The boys played each day from Sunday 19 to Friday 24 April with the finals played on Saturday 25th April — 4 games in each group were played on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, 3 games on the other days.

Assistance

Three of the visiting teams requested billets for their boys.

Thanks must be given to Lakemba Club members Norm Costello, Harry Hart, Dave Cosgrove, Gary Divola,

Results after 3 days play:

Group A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Mid North Coast	3	1	1	1	4	9	3
Bankstown	4	4	-	-	24	3	8
Sutherland	3	2	1	-	10	4	5
Gladesville	4	1	2	1	6	7	4
North Tasmania	3	-	-	3	0	10	0
St George	3	1	-	2	5	6	2
Lakemba	2	-	-	2	0	8	0

Group B	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Southern Districts	2	2	-	-	3	0	4
Illawarra	3	2	-	1	3	2	4
Nepean	3	2	-	1	3	2	4
Albury	2	-	-	2	2	7	0
Macarthur	2	1	-	1	5	3	2
Canterbury	2	-	-	2	0	3	0

Allan O'Brien, Narrelle Johnstone, Harry Said, Mick Hage Ali, Terry Mosley, Rod Freeman, Sam Ngugen, George Anastropolous, Tony anastropolous, Frank Webb, Mrs Alex Vourtanis, who with assistance from other local Canterbury Association clubs Roselands (Mrs Grace Martin, Gary Colthorpe, Stan Bartels,) St Michaels (Mrs Dawn Mangos) and Hurlstone Park (Mrs

Kim Coombe), all boys were billeted.

So many boys have now returned home with new friends and new experiences from their trip to Sydney.

The standard of Soccer played has been a pleasure to watch. The skill, ability and teamwork shown by these boys has been of a very high standard.



Illawarra: L to R: Back: S. Makowski, J. Angelucci, D. Kerr, P. Sanderson, M. Martine. Middle: T. Grossmann, D. Phillips, T. Naumovski. Front: B. Matosin, G. Waite, S. Bas, S. Chipperfield, D. Damato. Absent: G. Kerr Manager. Coach: J. Houston. Colours: Light Blue and Dark Blue.

Goalkeepers flying through the air and taking the ball, direct free kicks from outside the 18 yd box curling in and finishing in the goal, balls kicked by one player to the foot of his team-mate — it was a great show.

ADRIATIC YOUTH LEAGUE

Marconi	v	Melita	Marconi No.2
Sydney Olympic	v	St George	Pratten Park
Blacktown City	v	APIA	Gabbie Stad.
Illawarra	v	Central Coast	Towradgi Park
Cant/Marrick	v	Nepean	Arlington Oval
Gladesville	v	Sthn. Districts	Pioneer Park
Ku-ring-gai	v	Sydney City	Golden Jubilee

Croatia	v	Sutherland	Jensen Park
Macarthur	v	Avala	Ponderosa Park
Nth Bankstown	v	Manly	Potts Park
Blacktown	v	C/town City	Mt Druitt Tn
Polonia	v	Canterbury	Chopin Park
Rockdale	v	Uruguay/Pen.	Tempe Res.
Yugal	v	Bankstown	Jellicoe Park

		U13	U14	U15	U16
Cant/Marrick.	v	Marconi	2-1	1-0	0-14 1-3
Illawarra	v	Sydney Olympic	1-2	3-0	1-7 1-0
Blacktown City	v	Melita	1-3	3-1	1-2 3-1
St George	v	APIA	1-3	2-2	2-2 3-2
Sthn Districts	v	Central Coast	2-2	2-1	0-0 2-0
Sydney City	v	Nepean	1-6	2-2	2-1 2-1
Ku-ring-gai	v	Gladesville	0-7	2-0	7-0 1-2

Canterbury	v	Sutherland	1-0	1-2	2-1 0-2
Macarthur	v	Blacktown	1-0	6-1	0-5 1-1
Manly	v	Croatia	3-2	1-3	0-2 0-4
Avala	v	Nth Bankstown	3-6	2-1	2-0 0-2
Rockdale	v	C/town City	1-2	4-0	1-3 Rock.
Polonia	v	Bankstown	1-0	0-2	3-2 8-0
Uruguay/Pen	v	Yugal	6-0	5-0	5-1 6-1

		U13	U14	U15	U16
Uruguay	v	Polonia	0-2	3-2	0-2 2-3
Marconi	v	Illawarra	4-1	3-2	2-2 1-1
Melita	v	Sydney Olympic	1-0	2-2	1-2 1-1
St George	v	Blacktown City	1-0	3-4	0-3 1-0
APIA	v	Ku-ring-gai	0-1	3-1	1-0 1-0
Central Coast	v	Cant/Marrick	0-1	0-1	2-0 1-4
Nepean	v	Sthn Districts	3-1	0-1	2-0 3-2
Sydney City	v	Gladesville	0-7	2-1	4-0 1-1

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Central Coast	v	Sydney Olympic	0-0	1-0	0-3 1-1
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Sutherland	v	Blacktown	2-0	3-1	0-6 1-1
Croatia	v	Macarthur	8-0	3-0	8-0 3-0
Avala	v	Manly	1-4	0-2	2-0 0-1
Yugal	v	Nth Bankstown	0-4	0-1	2-0 1-5
C/town City	v	Canterbury	0-8	0-7	1-3 0-7
Polonia	v	Rockdale	2-0	1-2	2-1 3-4
Bankstown	v	Uruguay/Aub	0-0	2-0	2-4 1-6



Tournament Officials: L to R: D. Stewart, T. Johnston, G. Divola, L. Leaver.

INCREASED AMATEUR PUBLICITY

NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Publicity Officer Mrs Naomi Golding has supplied the NSW under 12 Centenary Cup story and pictures.

Sydney Branch publicity officer Barry Letherbarrow and other officials will combine to bring items of interest and latest news in coming weeks.

CENTENARY WINNERS

1. Southern Districts
2. Sutherland
3. Bankstown
4. Illawarra
5. St George
6. Canterbury
7. Gladesville
8. Macarthur
9. Mid North Coast
10. Northern Tasmania
11. Albury Wodonga
12. Lakemba
13. Nepean



Macarthur: L to R: Back: B. Moore (Manager), M. Buttenshaw, G. Mackney, P. Neary, D. Smith, B. Bellden, K. Bell (Coach). Front: M. Hook, R. Durovic, Duct Ho, S. Moore, C. Bell, G. Parsons, C. Burling. Colours: Red and Gold.



Sutherland: L to R: Back: W. Hardman (Manager), N. Cowan (Asst. Manager), J. Grounds (Coach). Middle: N. Wax, J. Beck, A. Pfengle, D. Thomas, J. Cowan, R. Rached, M. Kovac. Front: D. Harvey, C. Swift, S. Lynch, M. Bobingdon, L. Metcalfe, T. Barker. Colours: Blue and White.



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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY present the best coverage of the world game as **FRANK COLETTA** brings you the latest news and views along with the best pics from overseas.

MARADONA'S ULTIMATUM TO THE NAPOLI CLUB



Diego Maradona.

CHAMPION Argentine **DIEGO MARADONA** is waiting to find out if the rumours connecting his league title-chasing club Napoli with Brazilian ace striker **CARECA** are true, before committing himself to a new long-term contract with them.

The stocky superstar, is literally bribing the club by insisting that they sign his 18-year-old brother Hugo from Argentinos Juniors if they want the World Cup winner to stay in Naples for the rest of his career.

But rumours persist that club president Corrado Ferlaino has already paid \$4 million for Careca and in fact figures were released on the weekend that the Brazilian will be commanding \$770,000 annually when he moves to San Paolo.

And with the Italian FA having decided to keep their foreigners-per-club maximum at two, there would be no room for another Maradona.

That prospect worries Napoli fans, as the 26-year-old Maradona says: "I'll only stay with the club if they sign my brother."

It is almost certain young Hugo won't link up with his brother, and the latest is that Napoli are driving some sort of bargain with Diego and he should stay.



Careca.

The Kiwi Column

NEW ZEALAND's Sheffield Wednesday-based striker — **COLIN WALKER**, is ready to make a remarkable return to the game in the Shaky Isles.

After lengthy discussions with All White boss Kevin Fallon, Walker has sought and obtained permission from the Hillsborough hierarchy to play for New Zealand in October's Olympic qualifiers.

Walker also came within a whisker of returning to New Zealand in the English close season to play for Gisborne City, but a lingering injury and tiredness ruled that out.

Late last month, Walker, who still has 14 months of his contract with Sheffield Wednesday to run, went out to play for Swedish Second Division club Kalmar on the coast of Stockholm.

They were very impressed with the hot-shot Walker, but are just a tiny club who finally admitted that the cost of moving Colin, his wife and their new baby David to Sweden and matching his wages at Wednesday was out of their range.

MOST Soccerroos who took part in the disastrous 1982 World Cup campaign will remember **KEITH MACKAY**, one of the heroes of the New Zealand side that overwhelmed the Aussies.

Well Mackay is now playing a big part in the League aspirations of Hanimex North Shore.

The midfielder nicknamed 'Buzzer' for his all-action style, which came to prominence during the 1982 World Cup in Spain, is getting plenty of enjoyment with his new club.

After a good start to the season Mackay broke into the Auckland squad which played Waikato and there is a possibility that he might make the All Whites squad to meet Everton.

PORTO TO MEET BIG BAYERN!

TWO goals in the opening 11 minutes swept FC Porto of Portugal to an unexpected 2-1 away win over Dynamo Kiev in the second leg of their European Cup semi-final to enter the final for the first time where they will face Bayern Munich of West Germany in Vienna on May 27.

Bayern, survived the scorching cauldron of Real Madrid in their match, losing 1-0 but going through 4-2 on aggregate.

It was a magnificent rearguard action by the Bavarian boys after having captain and sweeper Klaus Augenthaler sent-off after 29 minutes.

Meanwhile the UEFA Cup produced stirring drama also as Dundee United, conquerors of Barcelona, knocked off another tall poppy in Borussia Moenchengladbach with a 2-0 aggregate triumph. In fact it was a 2-0 away win after the first leg at the home of the Tannadice heroes was a scoreless draw.

Rumours are rife in Italy that international winger **Gianluca Vialli** will leave Sampdoria for Juventus to provide the bullets for incoming striker Ian Rush. The 22-year-old Vialli has ousted Bruno Conti from the national side and would cost around £2.5 million, but Juventus are willing to do a player-cash exchange deal.

Violence mars Dutch revival

Holland's revival as a force to be reckoned with in European football has coincided with serious outbreaks of hooliganism in the country.

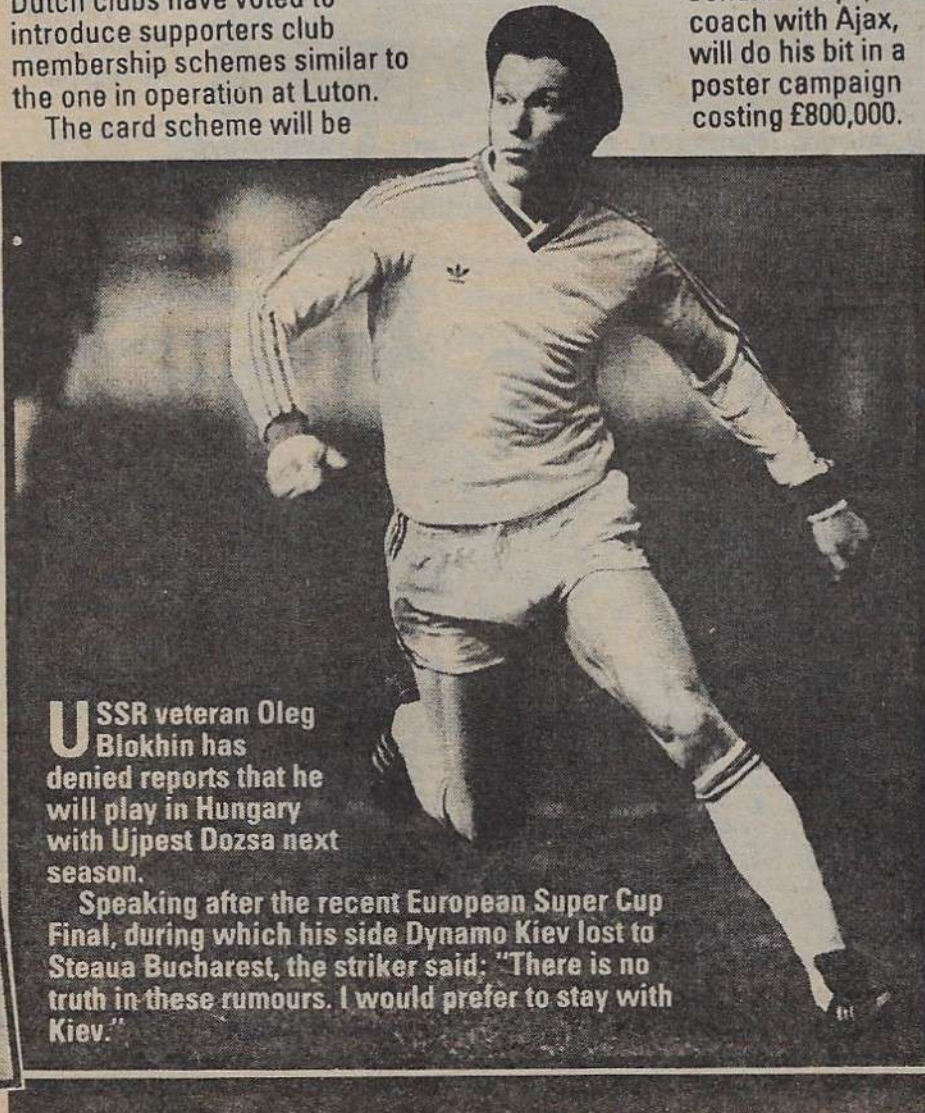
And after recent riots during the match between Den Haag and Ajax — 40 people were injured — Dutch clubs have voted to introduce supporters club membership schemes similar to the one in operation at Luton.

The card scheme will be

enforced at what are considered 'high risk' fixtures, and the Dutch FA will also encourage clubs not to sell tickets on matchdays.

And Dutch Railways will be asked to stop their cheap-rate fares for travelling supporters.

Former Dutch international **Johann Cruyff**, now coach with Ajax, will do his bit in a poster campaign costing £800,000.



USSR veteran **Oleg Blokhin** has denied reports that he will play in Hungary with Ujpest Dozsa next season.

Speaking after the recent European Super Cup Final, during which his side Dynamo Kiev lost to Steaua Bucharest, the striker said: "There is no truth in these rumours. I would prefer to stay with Kiev."

AJAX TAKE APART REAL

AJAX Amsterdam, coached by Johan Cruyff, revived memories of the early 1970's as they marched confidently into the Cup Winners' Cup final with a 3-0 win over Spains Real Zaragoza.

Goals by John van Schip, Rob Witschge and Frank Rijkaard wrapped up a 6-2 aggregate win and a trip to Athens, where they will meet Lokomotiv Leipzig in the final on May 13.

Gothenburg of Sweden defeated Swarovski Tyrol of Austria 1-0 away to take the tie 5-1 on aggregate and set a showdown with Dundee with the first leg in Sweden.

Action aplenty in English League

TOP: Tottenham Hotspur take on Charlton Athletic last Saturday week and just three minutes into the game Steve Hodge blasts the ball over the bar from close range.

Looking on are Charlton's John Humphrey (left) and Paul Miller and Spurs' Paul Allen.

CENTRE: Further action from the clash at White Hart Lane as Spurs' Richard Gough goes down in agony after Humphrey and Miller go in to challenge. Spurs won 1-0.

BOTTOM: Queen's Park Rangers striker Gary Bannister (right) holds off Chelsea's Joe McLaughlin to score and put his side head in the sixth minute at Loftus Road. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.





ROBSON SAYS: 'WE ARE NOT GOOD ENOUGH!'

MANCHESTER UNITED skipper BRYAN ROBSON tells exclusively his own reasons as to why the great Old Trafford club has faltered so badly. This article is courtesy of New Zealand's SOCCER EXPRESS.

PEOPLE keep asking what has gone wrong with Manchester United. I'll tell you in a nutshell — we are just not good enough.

It might hurt some of the lads . . . and it certainly hurts me to say it . . . it's a fact.

There is no point trying to hide or shirk the issue — in any case that's not my way. I'm not panicking or

rocking the boat — and I'm not being a scaremonger.

I'm not being disloyal either because I have the best interests of this great club very much at heart.

But the painful, unpalatable truth is that we have been given every chance to prove ourselves under new boss Alex Ferguson and we have failed him.

There's not a player at the club who does not recognise that as a fact.

So what can we do? There must be some changes made, some new faces brought in, new blood to stir the old excitement around the place.

I'm not undermining the gaffer's position and I have no wish to stick my nose in where it has no right to be — but I am convinced he knows what I am saying is correct.

Equally, I am sure he's working on it right now. So the fans, I hope, will be patient a little while longer and let Fergie work things out . . . as he surely will.

Nobody at Old Trafford should consider himself safe — not me — not any of the big stars.

This club deserves better than we have been giving it.

There were one or two slackers under Ron Atkinson, a player or two not doing the business. But when Fergie came they all, without exception, put in 100 per cent.

And yet, even with that sort of effort, we have still flopped. The answer is obvious — we're not capable of doing the job.

Our fans are no mugs — they know what's the matter. We're in the bottom half of the League, we're out of both the cups and we need to fight to restore our pride if nothing else.

If it takes a newcomer or two to fire us up and help out then so be it — but even if

Fergie does see that as an answer it's still a big problem because there are so few really top class players available.

I'm sure he will want us to play out the remainder of the season . . . and try to wipe that ten-point deficit to the sixth place.

That way we'll get our pride back — but even more importantly we'd be in line for a place in Europe if English clubs are allowed back in.

I'm only sorry we did not get Terry Butcher when he was up for grabs. I'm sure he would have loved to have come to United — and when you see the way Rangers have improved with him in their line-up you know what a boon he could have been at Old Trafford.

He's the best defender in the business, a great personality and a tremendous competitor. It would be difficult to find another one like him.

Of course, it's not enough to be a good player, even a great player, you need to be someone extra special to come to United — and such men are a rare breed.

But nobody realises that more than Fergie. He's a shrewd manager.

He's not going to consult me about his moves . . . I'm a player, he's the boss, and I know my place.

Where we are in absolute harmony is the realisation that what has gone wrong has to be put right quickly. □

MORE THAN A STITCH IN TIME!

KEVIN MORAN is growing accustomed to his face — and the blood on it!

Moran has taken the biggest bashing in football. Most Manchester United fans reckon he's had at least 50 stitches in those rugged Irish features. The more blood-thirsty reckon it's nearer 100.

And he's gone off so many times by stretcher they could sell ad-space on the soles of his boots.

Moran, they say, is TOO brave. He doesn't get his elbows up to keep off the opposition. And he sticks his head in when others are running for cover.

Maybe he should be Kevin Moran!

But Moran knocks that suggestion right away. He's a Bachelor of Commerce for a start. And he believes he could never have made it at Old Trafford without collecting cuts, bruises and fractures

on the way. He's also United's captain in Bryan Robson's absence.

"I play it tough. I've never considered changing," Moran says. "If I ever stopped to think before going in for a tackle I'd lose half my game. I go in where it hurts."

Moran has split his forehead, has cuts around his eyes, a broken nose, swallowed his tongue and gashed a leg so badly that he needed eight stitches.

"That was the worst," says Moran. "It even scared me — and I've grown used to the sight of blood!"

Now the United staff take Moran in their stride. Physio Jim McGregor even allowed Moran's surgeon brother Raymond to take him back to Ireland for an operation on a fractured cheekbone.

Moran reveals: "When I first came over I almost admired the lads who could get you AND the ball at the same time. It requires a lot of concentration and some of the niggles were so subtle that I didn't even know I'd been done — let alone a referee spotting it!"

PAINFUL

"In Gaelic football, which I played, most physical contact is at chest height and you can use your hands to protect yourself. In football, the most vulnerable areas — like face and ankles — are often the most exposed.

"It took me a while to learn now to stop myself getting cluttered and it was fairly painful."

Moran was already well on his way by 1983 to a half-century of stitches and had broken his nose in a clash with Steve Archibald.

Since then, along with the cheekbone and gashed chin, he's had multiple head wounds, broken his left arm, withdrawn from an Ireland international with double vision, almost choked to death against Newcastle and spent more time on the floor than a welcome mat.

He's just signed a two-year contract taking him into a testimonial season at 32. The odds on that, Moran says, would have been about 1,000 to 1 just a couple of years ago.

The odds on his making it without another stitch will be slightly shorter! □



■ KEVIN MORAN (left) keeps a wary eye on the high-flying Frank McAvennie of West Ham.



■ YOU'RE OFF! Moran gets his marching orders from referee Peter Willis, an incident that sparked a huge controversy during and after the 1985 FA Cup Final.

